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WHY GRAHAM IS TAKING ON HIS MARATHON CHALLENGE FOR A CANCER CHARITY

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FREIGHT TRAIN DERAILS ON OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN

A freight train derailed on the outskirts of Barry in the early hours of last Thursday morning, October 2.

There were no injuries – two wagons at the back left the track.

Arriva Trains Wales said at the weekend: "The line between Barry

and Bridgend via Llantwit Major was closed due to a derailed freight train between Barry and Rhosce.

"The line was closed between Barry and Bridgend in both directions.

"The line will remain

closed until the start of service on Monday, October 6."

A Network Rail spokesman said the back two wagons of the train had derailed, bringing it to a standstill at Porthkerry and causing damage to the track.

Engineering work took place over the week and it meant the closure of lines between Cardiff Central Station and Barry Island, Penarth and Bridgend. Arriva Trains Wales put on bus services to help passengers.

For the latest information on train services in south Wales, go to: www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk.

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Pupils of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School spent a day immersed in European culture as part of the European day of language celebrations. (SEE PAGE 24 FOR FULL REPORT)

Long-running Dinas Powys bridge saga angers a councillor

A DINAS POWYS councillor is claiming that the Vale Council is linking an important road improvement to more housing in the area – thereby going back on a statement made only last June.

Coun Chris Williams, formerly Plaid Cymru, but now an independent, told The GEM: "I have led the campaign to replace the Cross Common road bridge in Dinas Powys since I first raised the matter with the then director, Rob Quick in 2002.

"In that time, I have arranged meetings with residents, councillors, Vale officers,

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Welsh Water-Dwr Cymru, and anyone else who could help.

"We were finally promised a new deck this year to replace the ancient, propped-up bridge – then on June 12, councillors were advised that perhaps we could get a new junction after all, but negotiations were 'delicate' and I had to agree to keep the news confidential until further notice.

"I was assured that the new junction was not conditionally linked to a proposed housing site. I dutifully obliged not to 'go

public' but then imagine my surprise when, on July 10, the 'news' broke in local newspapers.

"I received an apology for this".

He continued: "I recently asked yet another bridge question at the full Vale Council meeting on September 29, and the answers confirmed that the Labour-led administration is indeed attempting to circumvent the existing but not authorised, LDP process and force a most unwelcome, unnecessary housing site on the adjacent field – as a condition to providing a much-needed safe entrance onto Cross Common road from the A4055 Barry to Cardiff road.

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Council mergers: 'report highlighted systemic problems'

I WANT to challenge some of the points raised in the Vale of Glamorgan Council leader's column headed, 'MERGER: Vale and Cardiff not comparable' (The GEM, October 2).

The Williams Report is an assessment of all public services in Wales, but I can understand why local councils feel it is more about them. The implication from Coun Neil Moore's comments is that it is about saving money – or whether Cardiff council is comparable to the Vale. The report is considerably more comprehensive.

In common with other political sources, he does not address the criticisms of local government identified by the commission, which were about councils being too complex to cope with pressures; too slow to respond to change; unable to meet challenges; poor and patchy performance, and needing to sustain accountability and drive improvement.

The problems are described as systemic in the report. (paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6) However, Vale councillors frequently tell us that they perform well and should, therefore, be excluded from the change process.

Neil concentrates on financial pressures and he is right to emphasise

the current austere financial situation on services.

Public expectations are high, but money is not available to satisfy that demand without increasing efficiencies; but many of the failures of councils identified in the report predate cuts imposed by the Westminster Government.

The article also says the cost of the reorganisation is £400m across Wales, but fails to put that into context.

That figure comes from the WLGA (an all-Wales organisation of councils that has proposed an increase in the number of councils), they also mention annual savings of £92-£100m, i.e. a payback period of four years.

Local government in Wales is an annual £8,000,000,000 undertaking and I suspect many business leaders would be delighted with such a short payback period following that level of investment.

I'm struggling to see how this "equates .. to between 5%-7.5% of the council's budget," as stated in the article.

The report says that the cost would be about £100m (less than a two-year payback period) and that a merger with Cardiff would reduce Vale Council tax by 5.3 per cent.

Dennis Harkus, FocusBARRY member.

The Post Office is going backwards

"The Post Office is a wonderful establishment!" said she. "The regularity and dispatch of it..."

IF only, like Jane Austen's young ladies, we could walk to one! Two hundred years ago, how well the public were served compared with today. Progress? Don't make me laugh!

In common with countless others, especially among the elderly, I do not have a car; and I have no idea

where in Bridgend or Llantwit their post offices are located.

So for even the most trivial transaction, I must go into Cardiff on the bus and join a lengthy queue. That's a day gone.

A few weeks ago, we were promised a post office in the autumn. It is now October, with nothing on the horizon. This situation is utterly deplorable and has gone on for far too long.

Residents of Cowbridge, unite! You have nothing to gain but a Post Office! Mrs Patricia Price, Cowbridge.

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'A merger now could save time and money'

THE Vale Council leader's statement, 'MERGER: Vale and Cardiff not comparable' (The GEM, October 2) is a rather one-sided analysis with several questionable points.

As the only councillor to disagree with the council's wish to be left alone from the proposed changes, my view is that there must be a significant reduction in councillor numbers as part of the overall reduction in costs.

Comparisons to

Scotland, Cornwall and some major cities in the UK show that we are grossly overmanned.

Considerable savings could be made by proceeding in the direction advocated by the Williams report and could be used to protect frontline services, including libraries

The council recently reported on the need to save £35m over the next four years and the potential savings from a voluntary merger could make a significant contribution towards that objective.

Unlike Coun Moore, I do not see a merger with Cardiff as an issue of comparable partners; for me it just makes

sense to have links with a successful city. The Welsh Government has stated that it will give financial incentives to those councils who will merge voluntarily.

The Vale borders three other councils, each with a chief official, their supporting staff and many corporate managers. You would not run any business or other organisation with that degree of duplication in close proximity to each other.

I can appreciate the reluctance of councillors for the Vale/Cardiff merger, as their numbers would be reduced by more than half.

It could be argued that councillors against the Williams report and its proposed mergers could be voting in self interest to their pecuniary advantage.

Cardiff is a dynamic city, modern and innovative and I would like to see the citizens of the Vale benefiting from being a part of that success. Many of our constituents have employment in Cardiff.

It is not about whether existing Cardiff

politicians are likeable or effective. There are two more elections to go before the merged councils will come into being. It would be a different and new council.

Coun Moore recently referred to an audit report that criticised Cardiff Council as a reason not to merge, but seemed to forget the critical audit reports received by the Vale Council.

In the public interest, the Vale Council should now grasp the nettle and progress a merger sooner rather than later by utilising the incentives offered by the WAG, who could eventually force mergers on local authorities in 2022 anyway.

This long drawn-out process of delay would cost the taxpayer dearly.

I am not in politics to protect the council from change, but because I wish to see change for the benefit of our citizens.

The sooner this process is started in earnest, the more public money would be saved.

Coun Philip Clarke.

'Private firms are ready to pounce on Welsh NHS'

IHAVE written on the issue of our NHS before, and make no apologies for writing again, because I want to highlight and keep highlighting the dangers of privatisation creeping into our Welsh NHS.

A report in one of the UK's most respected national newspapers states: 'Research claims 24 Tory politicians who backed health reforms have links to 15 private firms which have won £1.5bn-worth of NHS contracts.'

I hope all of us in Wales will take heed that the powerful private health companies,

mostly American, are waiting on the sidelines for any softening of attitudes which would allow them to pounce on our most cherished and vital public service, our Welsh NHS, as they have already done in England.

Private medical health care is unbelievably unaffordable to any but the very wealthiest, and we simply cannot allow a slide into that direction in Wales.

Let us maintain a strong guard against the private health companies and their accomplices in certain political parties taking over our NHS for their profit, and to the detriment of the public. Marc Delaney, Barry.

Donate an hour for Guide Dogs Week

CAN your readers spare an hour to light up a life? Guide Dogs Cymru is urging anyone with a free hour to pop down to Bridgend town centre this Saturday (October 11) and join us as we spread the news about our life-changing services.

You'll meet partnerships like Pat Worrall and her guide dog Ryley.

The faithful labrador retriever cross enables Pat to lead a busy social life without having to rely on friends and family.

It costs £50,000 for

the lifetime of each guide dog, and the service receives no Government funding, so we rely on the generosity of the public to help us change lives.

Guide Dogs Week runs from October 4-12, with many events taking place to raise awareness of the charity.

This year's theme is 'Stand Out', and we're asking people to dress in day-glo at their school or workplace to raise money and have fun.

For more details, call 07990 540130, or email Allison.Charles@guidedogs.org.uk.

Allison Charles, Cardiff, (Community Fundraiser, Guide Dogs Cymru).

No money for Knap Lido?

INOTE from comments made by Council Leader Neil Moore that the Knap Lido seems to be dead in the water as the council cannot afford it, blaming once again budget cuts.

When he says he believes that the council is viable and performs well, he is obviously not living on the same planet as the rest of us.

Mr Moore states that the council cannot afford to maybe part finance the Lido, but it can soon find £250,000 for the council chamber and luxury seating.

D J Radford, Barry.

Gull's feather was a sign!

A MARVELLOUS feather was left by a gull on the front near my home on Barry Island – ironically, years ago this is what people used as a pen!

I felt that my find was perhaps a sign that I should write on behalf of these super creatures.

The seaside and other places would be the poorer without them and other fauna of our islands. (Name and address supplied).

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 16)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
09 Thur	07.32	10.4	19.54	10.7
10 Fri	08.14	10.6	20.38	10.5
11 Sat	08.56	10.4	21.17	10.3
12 Sun	09.33	10.0	21.57	9.7
13 Mon	10.13	9.4	22.34	9.0
14 Tues	10.53	8.8	23.11	8.4
15 Wed	11.37	8.2		
16 Thur	00.07	7.7	12.37	7.7

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Freight wagons leave the track

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ABOVE:
Two wagons at the back of the freight train left the track.

Barry tenant Cath wins 'outstanding contribution' award



ABOVE: Cath Kinson (centre) accepting her award from Sonia Benbow-Jones, chair of Welsh Tenants, and Steve Clarke, managing director of Welsh Tenants.

CATH KINSON, a Community Centre at Dunlin Court, Barry, which was set up two years ago. Together with a small group of Newydd tenants she took on the responsibility of co-ordinating activities, events and training for those living in the community.

Her team at The People Centre has run a number of successful events including fun days, arts and crafts

classes, a weight loss club, Santa's Grotto and a sewing group. The People Centre has now become the hub of the local area. Cath said: "I thoroughly enjoy volunteering in my community. I love the work that I do and get a real buzz from helping others. I had a fantastic time at the awards ceremony and was thrilled to have won the award, what a fantastic encouragement for all the other volunteers too."

activities include military ancestry searches, war memorabilia, weaponry, re-enactors, bell tent, displays by Penarth Library, Quakers and displays of diaries, medals, cameras, photos from one soldier in the war (found in a vault in a Penarth bank).

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GRAHAM'S MARATHON WALK FOR PENARTH HOSPICE HAS VERY SPECIAL MOTIVATION

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Graham Clarke is raising funds for Marie Curie in memory
of his mother. If you would like to make a donation, go to:
www.justgiving.com/graham-clarke8.

A BARRY man is tackling a
25-mile charity walk from the
town to Porthcawl in memory
of his mother – and you can
support him.

Graham Clarke told The GEM: "I
am doing the walk on October 25 and
will be raising funds for Marie Curie.
"My mum, Irene Clarke, who was
known as Rene, passed away at the
Penarth hospice last year.

"I saw at first hand the amount of
work and caring that goes into helping

people at a crucial time of their lives.

"I have arranged for some raffle
prizes from local companies to be
drawn on the night of the walk too."

Graham hasn't done a great deal of
physical preparation, but the walk
means so much to him that he is
determined to finish it.

"I have not done a lot of training,
but knowing what the end result will
be gives me all the motivation I need."

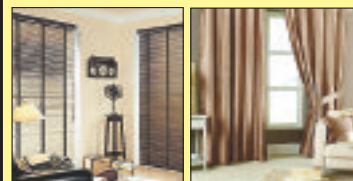
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Town Council's World War displays

TO mark 100 years
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October 18, from
11am-4pm.

A spokeswoman
explained: "The World
War One
Commemorative Group
in Penarth was set up by
the council to help
orchestrate all the
groups and associations
in the town that will be
commemorating the
Great War over the
2014-2018 period.

"So far, we have
helped organise a
variety of events
including World War
One brass music in the
town's parks, poppy beds
in the town, Belle Vue,
and the re-dedication of
the Role of Honour for
the war dead at St
Augustine's Church."

On October 18,
activities include
military ancestry
searches, war
memorabilia, weaponry,
re-enactors, bell tent,
displays by Penarth
Library, Quakers and
displays of diaries,
medals, cameras, photos
from one soldier in the
war (found in a vault in a
Penarth bank).

Contact West House,
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CF64 2YG; telephone
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council.gov.uk.

Fire crews tackle blaze at scrap unit

A HUGE plume of black smoke rose over
Barry last Thursday, October 2, as
firefighters tackled a blaze at a scrap unit
in the town.

Around 20 scrap cars caught fire at the yard in
Atlantic Trading Estate.

A spokesman for South Wales Fire Service said:
"Two appliances from Barry, one from Penarth
and one from Ely were attended the fire.

"It involved approximately 20 scrap cars. Four
main jets used, a ground monitor and two crews
members using breathing apparatus equipment."

The call was made to the Fire Service at 12
noon and the blaze was extinguished by 2pm.
The cause has yet to be determined.

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Specialist firm clears 'outfall' pipe



The blocked outfall pipe on Penarth beach.

LANES GROUP drainage engineers cleared a blocked sea outfall pipe in Penarth by working in windows of opportunity created by rapidly changing sea levels.

They teamed up with marine engineers to successfully complete the unusual project.

The Lanes team finished the work in just seven days, but had to start their shifts as early as 5am and as late as 5pm each day, to accommodate the changing tides.

Lanes' Cardiff depot was appointed by marine and civil engineering firm Kaymac to support a project to clear the pipe,

which had seen a build up of silt and brick.

Damian Tranter of Lanes said: "This was very much a case of working when the sea allowed us to."

"Water levels change rapidly along that stretch of coast, and health and safety was of paramount concern. On some days, we had as little as a three hour window to work in before we had to clear the area."

The build-up had been caused by the deterioration of an existing section of brick egg outfall, which resulted in bricks being washed into the pipe, and the first step was to remove around 20 tonnes of silt which had built up behind the bricks.



Coun Christopher Elmore, headteacher Gerard McNamara, Huw Lewis AM, Alun Cairns MP, chair of the school governors Kath Beaudette and deputy headteacher Andrew Thompson.

Local VIPs hear all about Barry school's challenge



Listening to the school's percussion band.

STUDENTS and staff at Barry Comprehensive welcomed Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills, to the school on September 25.

He was joined by Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance and Government Business, Alun Cairns MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales, Coun Christopher Elmore, cabinet member for children's services and chair of the local authority

governors' advisory panel, to discuss the school's Challenge Cymru programme with headteacher Gerard McNamara, deputy headteacher Andrew Thomson and chair of the school governors, Kath Beaudette.

They were greeted with rousing performances from the school's percussion band and African drummers.

The meeting covered how the Welsh Government could support the learning of students. Mr Lewis stressed that external

pressures on students could hinder their progress in school and that parents/carers must work with the school to reach the best outcomes for students.

Headteacher Gerard McNamara said: "Governors, staff and students are delighted with the support from Huw Lewis."

"Barry Comprehensive School has made good progress and will continue to strive to become an excellent community school".

COLCOT CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT 'GROWING THINGS'



YEAR-2 at Colcot Primary School has been studying the topic 'growing things', and visited Wenvoe Garden Centre where the pupils bought a variety of plants to look after.

"We have planted our own beans which we are moving to a local allotment to continue growing over the next few months. We were also lucky to have a visit from Mrs Huggins (Beautiful Lily, High Street, Barry) who spoke to us and brought in a variety of exotic flowers, including Protea, Anthurium and Orchids."

"We learnt where in the world they are grown and why. She was also kind enough to answer questions we had written for her!" reported spokeswoman Caroline Brookman.

Central Park hoists the Green Flag

BARRY Community Action Group (BCAG) and the Vale Council's parks and grounds maintenance department, have organised a flag-raising ceremony to celebrate the Green Flag Award in Central Park on October 11 at 11.30am.

It was one of five parks

in the Vale to win the coveted award, along with Romilly Park, Victoria Park, Belle Vue Park and Alexandra Park and Windsor Gardens.

The Green Flag raising has been organised by Dilys Colbourne of Barry Community Action Group, who was instrumental in preserving the park.

Four peaks and a stone mountain...

DESPITE contrary weather warnings, surprisingly in brilliant warm autumnal sunshine, Penarth and District Ramblers, Robin and Pepper the spaniel, along with seven walkers, scrambled up the steep mountainside of Craig y Fan Ddu.

Joining part of the Beacons Way to the first of their four peaks, Fan y Big, some of the group stood on the overhanging rock platform known as the 'diving board' situated at 719 metres, before descending steeply into the valley below for the next steep climb up Cribyn.

Following lunch, the remaining peaks of Pen y Fan, the highest peak in south Wales (crammed full of walkers) and Corn Du beckoned and it was refreshing to reach the almost flat ridgeways of Craig Gwaun Taf and Craig y Fan Ddu, where there were brilliant views.

A short steep rocky descent led to the Lower Neuadd reservoir. They joined the old disused railway track back through Torpantau to their start and they rounded off the day with a refreshing noggan at the Red Cow in Pontsticill on their way home.

Misty Abercarn

THE impressive and immense derelict remains of St Luke's Church, covered with ivy and graffiti, greeted nine walkers who joined Rachel for a trek around the Abercarn area in rather misty conditions.

A long haul through houses and beside woodland led into Coed Sarn; and following forestry tracks, eventually they emerged onto the open moorland of Mynydd Maen, which translated means stone mountain.

Because of the mist, many of the delightful views from the top could not be fully appreciated and turning southwest towards more woodland where at last the mist started to lift, they enjoyed lunch overlooking Twyn Llysanol.

Tramping through a stunning avenue of mature beech trees, before entering more pretty woodland with tints of autumnal colours, they descended to a stream where a bridge led them over the ford for their last climb up through Llanfach, then downhill to Abercarn.

On October 11, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile hard walk in the Pen y Fan area; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On October 12, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 5.5-mile moderate walk at Barry sidings south in the Pontypridd area; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On October 14, a 15-mile hard trek on the Rhymney Valley Ridgeway from Hengoed railway station to Thornhill station; contact William on 01446 747239 for further details.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Scarecrows have pride of place at St Peter's church!



SCARECROW-making, bread plaiting and finger painting were just some of the fun activities at St Peter's Church, Rhose, on their first-ever Messy Harvest.

Over 60 children and adults met together to celebrate the harvest with crafts, songs, stories and food.

There was something for everyone, from tiny tots to teenagers and beyond.

The scarecrows now have pride of place in the church garden!

The next 'Messy' event will be on December 14 at 4pm in St Peter's Church where there'll be hands-on Christmas making and other crafts, followed by Christmas songs, a story, and food. The event is free to all (donations welcome).

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First Responders celebrate 10 years of service in Barry



ABOVE: Terry Owens, Darren Panniers, Bryan Foley, Patrick Vennard, the Mayor Coun Jeff Evans, Jane Hutt AM, Sagaradana, John Morgan, and Dave Burbidge.

THIRTY volunteers, averaging 20,000 volunteer hours annually, providing seven-days-a-week cover for 365 days a year, dealing with just over 5,000 patients over a 10-year period, at a monetary value of just over £2million.

Those are the impressive figures surrounding a group of originally eight members of the public who began training in June 2004 to become Welsh Ambulance Services

NHS Trust (WAST) Community First Responders (CFR), and who by September 2004 had become active as a CFR team in the Barry community.

Recently, Jeff Evans, the Mayor of Barry, along with Jane Hutt AM, president of Barry First Responders, hosted a celebratory evening at the Mayor's Parlour on Gladstone Road.

Up to 20 CFRs were present, and were joined by representatives of the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, South Wales Police and Cardiff and Vale

University Health Board. The Mayor said: "It was a great pleasure to be hosting this reception to honour ten years of Barry First Responders. I am quite sure that there are many people in our town who owe them a great deal and it is only right that their contribution to the town of Barry is recognised."

Jane Hutt AM added: "I am delighted to congratulate the Barry First Responders for ten years of dedicated service, saving lives and reassuring thousands of people who need a quick response when an

ambulance is called.

Following a formation of the team ten years ago, whilst a further two - Terry Owens and Dave Burbidge - were initially CFRs within Cardiff Airport's Fire Service before retiring and becoming full members of the Barry CFR team.

Three of the five who received certificates, Bryan Foley, Sagaradana and Patrick Vennard have

Proud mum Emma picks up Barry choir's baton again!

BARRY Choral Society were delighted to have a prospective member join their ranks in April this year when Thomas Henry Arscott was born, a beautiful son to their conductor Emma and husband Simon.

Emma has taken over the baton once more, returning from maternity leave to prepare the choir for their Christmas concert, which will be held on December 12 at Crossway Methodist Church.

While Emma was on maternity leave, Sian Davies, choir accompanist, very ably took over the reins. The choir, under Sian's direction, performed a successful concert at St Aidan's Church, Ferndale, with soloist, National Eisteddfod winner, Ann Wilkins and accompanist Chris Fossey of Cogan.

Why not join us on Friday, October 17, at Crossway Methodist

Church for a 'promise, not too hard quiz' with prizes for winners, raffle prizes and delicious refreshments? Start time will be 7.30pm; all for the price of £6.

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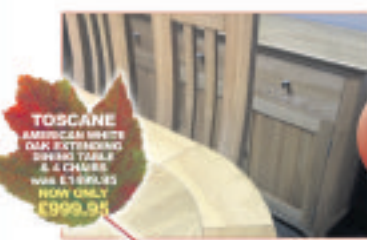
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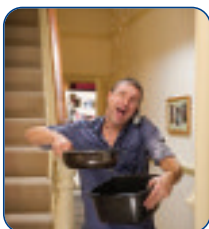
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'Make it plain parking is free' says businessman

by GEM
REPORTER

THE Vale Council should keep pay machines at car parks on Barry Island locked until next March, a local businessman has said.

From October 1 until March 14, parking at the Harbour Road car park and Nell's Point car park is free.

Mark Vockins, of Barry Island Quasar, told The GEM that he was concerned people might inadvertently pay when they don't have to.

Speaking last Friday, October 3, he said: "When the machines are closed, they are locked up and

become like a black metal box, but they are still being opened and were today.

"I'm concerned people will get confused because the 'Have you paid and displayed?' signs are still up."

Mr Vockins welcomes people from all over south Wales to Quasar, and said he would be putting up a warning to people on his Facebook page, so that they don't pay at Island car parks.

He said he was anxious that everything should be done to

make Barry Island an all year round tourist and visitor destination.

The Vale Council's operational manager for highways maintenance, Michael Clogg, said: "The process of locking up the machines commenced at the beginning of October and I can confirm this was completed by Friday, October 3.

"The electronics within the meters will also be isolated, and the meters will remain out of order until March 15, in accordance with the current charging arrangement for seasonal car parks."

Local woman runs half marathon for teenage cancer trust

A ST ATHAN woman ran in last Sunday's Cardiff Half Marathon to raise money for a cause that is close to her heart.

Helyn Latimer's run helped raise £500 for Teenage Cancer Trust in support of her friend's daughter, Georgina, who has been receiving treatment for leukaemia for the past four years.

Helyn combined training for her run with her day job as a puppeteer. She works with Puppet Theatre Wales, which is based in the Vale and organises touring productions in schools and theatres.

Helyn said: "Teenage Cancer Trust has been there to provide expert care and support for her and her family during this very difficult and challenging time.

"Around seven young people aged between 13 and 24 are diagnosed with cancer every day in the UK. Teenage Cancer Trust treats them as young people first, cancer patients second and relies on donations to fund its vital work.

"I feel very proud to have run as part of the Teenage Cancer Trust team in the Cardiff Half Marathon.



ABOVE: Helyn Latimer with her Cardiff Half Marathon medal.



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School Friends support Marie Curie charity



Headteacher David Morris samples the fare! THE Friends of Jenner Park Primary School held a cake day for Macmillan nurses and thanked staff, pupils and parents for supporting the event.

"Thank you to all who baked the cakes and raffle prizes. We raised a substantial amount of money," a spokesperson said.

Dinas Powys bridge saga - LOCAL COUNCILLOR CONCERNED THAT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS MAY LEAD TO MORE HOUSING

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Coun Williams added: "This proposed estate will cause more flooding by replacing virgin grassland with concrete and create even more traffic onto this already heavily clogged-up, arterial route.

"As the Independent Member for Dinas Powys I shall continue to fight for a new safe

junction, a safe cycle/footpath from Barry to Cardiff and no more housing in Dinas Powys until the very serious traffic issues on the A4055 are finally and properly resolved for the long-suffering residents of Dinas Powys and road users across the Vale."

The Vale Council's operational manager for highways and engineering, Michael Clogg, said: "Council officers are continuing negotiations with the landowner of the site adjacent Cross Common Bridge. We hope to reach an agreement in principle shortly, to make land available to realign Cross Common road and construct a new junction with Cardiff Road.

"This option provides the most advantageous solution in terms of highway safety, which could not be achieved by replacing the existing bridge alone.

"Any planning application for houses will be determined by the council's planning

department independently of the ongoing negotiations and subject to relevant planning policy and law in the usual manner.

"There is no evidence to suggest a housing development would cause flooding. Surface water flows from any new development site are carefully considered at the planning stage and would normally be limited to greenfield run-off to prevent flooding.

"The council's highways officers will continue wherever possible to work with local councillors and the wider community to address traffic safety and congestion issues in Dinas Powys.

"We know that the future of Cross Common bridge is important to local residents and so the council is committed to beginning work, either to replace the existing bridge or construct a new junction in 2015/16," he concluded.

News from Barry U3A

THE Barry U3A held the first meeting at their new venue, Bethel Baptist Church, on October 6, when 61 members were present to hear Colin Jones give an interesting talk on his work as a Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

Mr Jones also explained the difference between the office of Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff.

Mrs Val Warlow, who has recently had to step down as a group co-ordinator, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked for all the hard work and time she has given to Barry U3A over the past six years.

The Sunday lunch group, which had its first meeting on October 5, proved to be popular and it is anticipated that membership of this particular group will continue to grow.

For many people who live alone, Sunday is often the worst day of the week.

New members are always welcome to join U3A, especially anyone who has an interest or skill they would like to share with others (you don't need to be an expert, U3A is all about learning together.)

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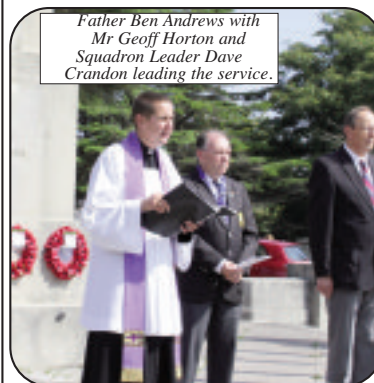
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Father Ben Andrews with Mr Geoff Horton and Squadron Leader Dave Crandon leading the service.

PROUD Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron were among those on parade at the Memorial Hall cenotaph and at MoD St Athan, to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Battle of Britain Sunday commemorates the victory won by the RAF, which saved Britain from invasion in 1940; where Winston Churchill said these immortal words "never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

The Cadets formed an honour guard at the cenotaph and were by joined members of the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA), former military personnel, and the public. The service was conducted by the Father Ben Andrews and RAFA branch chairman, Mr Geoff Horton.

The last post was played, followed by a two-minute silence.

Wreaths were laid at the cenotaph on behalf of

RAFA by Mayor of Barry, Coun Jeff Evans, Squadron Leader David Crandon (RAFA branch president) and Flight Lieutenant Jason Horton.

In the afternoon, the Barry Air Cadets were again proudly on parade along with 60 Air Cadets from around South Wales.

Squadron Leader David Crandon commented: "The Air Cadets did themselves proud today, representing the Royal Air Force on this occasion and are a shining example of the youth in our community."

MP returns to Book Festival

ON Friday, October 24 Chris Bryant MP will return to Cowbridge Book Festival to present his latest book 'Parliament - The Biography Volume II: Reform', at 7.30pm in the United Free Church.

This second volume of his biography has a cast of characters that includes some of British history's most famous names: The Duke of Wellington, Sir Robert Peel, Gladstone, Disraeli, Lloyd George, Churchill, and Thatcher.

Its recurring theme is reform and innovation, but it also lays bare an obsessive respect for the past. It covers dramatic and often turbulent changes - the rise and fall of political parties, the passing of the old aristocratic order, the vote for the working class and eventually women and also the tearing apart of the world by two bloody global wars.

The book is a riveting, flawlessly researched and accessible popular history for anyone with an interest in why modern Britain is the nation it is today.

Chris has produced this readable and very impressive work while keeping up his day job as a labour MP and shadow minister. He has been the Rhondda MP

since 2001 and Shadow Minister for Borders and Immigration since 2011. He was previously Minister of State for Europe and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

Tickets are available from David Barnes (Dry cleaners), 35 High Street, Cowbridge; Nickleby's, Pound Field, Llantwit Major or online from TicketlineUK or via the Festival Website; or phone Stella Cheeseman 01446 774827.

On October 30, Welsh rugby legend Gareth Thomas will appear with Michael Calvin and on November 12, Katie Forde and local author JoThomas with Lucy Owen.

Proceeds are in aid of Leukaemia and Lymphoma research, and the Noah's Ark appeal. SRC

TRANSPORT ADVICE

ON October 14, Age Connect Cardiff and Vale are holding an information session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, where VEST (Vale Community Transport Services) will describe the 'door to door service' offered for Morrisons and Cardiff shopping (10am-12 midday). Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

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Health and education are top priorities in Budget

LAST week, I presented the Welsh Government's Draft Budget for 2015-16 to the Senedd – at the start of a process which will enable all Assembly Members, their committees and our partners in the NHS, local government and the third sector, to scrutinise and respond to the proposals.

In the introduction to my statement, I reminded Assembly Members of the difficult financial circumstances we are in, as a result of on-going austerity measures, which include major cuts to our budget by the UK Government.

The Welsh Government Budget in

2015-16 will be nearly 10 per cent lower overall in real terms compared to 2010-11.

This means more than £1.5bn removed from the Welsh public purse for the services we are responsible for – education, health, social services, transport, the environment, housing, culture and sport.

In my statement, I said that the long period of sustained reductions has had an impact on all our services – even those we have been able to protect.

Alongside reducing budgets, there is an increase in demand for our services, particularly for the elderly and their carers. There is also clear evidence that the more we can invest in 'preventative services' to reduce need, to intervene early before problems become insurmountable and to break down barriers and boundaries

to enable agencies and professionals to work more closely together, the better we can manage these constrained budgets.

Over the spring and summer, I have been meeting people who work in the front-line in our public services across Wales, to learn from them first-hand about the needs they are experiencing and the challenges they face.

Their response has been constructive, realistic and positive, showing their commitment to the people they serve and their determination to protect and support the services they deliver.

Health a priority
INVESTING in our Health Service is a priority of this Welsh Government. That is what the people of Wales expect.

That was the headline message of my Draft Budget last week and I backed this up by announcing nearly half a billion pounds of extra funding for the NHS in Wales over this year and next.

This decision came as a result of the evidence provided by the Nuffield Trust, an independent Foundation which analysed the financial position of the health service in Wales – resulting in a report published earlier this year which gave a very clear message.

It said that a sustainable NHS is within our grasp, provided we make the necessary improvements to productivity and service delivery, on the back of the additional investment of £425m that I announced as part of the Draft Budget.

I also made it clear in my Draft Budget that

local government has a vital role to play in delivering our local services and I announced an additional £10m in recognition of the pressures faced by social services.

This highlights the important relationship between health and social care which is vital to improve the services we give to vulnerable people, particularly the elderly, integrating health and social care at a local level.

Last week I also announced that we have reached an agreement with the Welsh Liberal Democrats on this Draft Budget, to reflect our shared priorities for investing in our young people.

Under the agreement, the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG) will rise from £918 to £1,050 per pupil next year and then to £1,150 in 2016-17, also extending the PDG

to the under-fives in our schools.

This will give certainty to our schools in the Vale of Glamorgan who have been awaiting the Draft Budget announcement. The PDG is allocated to schools based on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals, helping to break the link between educational attainment and disadvantage.

We have also agreed to set up a new youth concessionary fares scheme for 16 and 17 year olds to help them access work and training and have mitigated cuts to apprenticeships by

£10m over the next two years.

Housing is also a priority of the Welsh Government with £37m allocated towards our affordable housing land scheme, our (empty) Houses into Homes programme, home improvement loans and social housing grant.

The tough choices and decisions we have made will be debated and discussed over the coming weeks but the feedback is clear - that people want us to support and improve our Health Service and our schools - those are the priorities in this Budget for Wales.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by
Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

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Care home's chef in line for award

A BARRY chef with a romantic streak has introduced candlelit dinners with soft music and good wine at a care home.

The *a la carte* dining evenings are one of the changes introduced by Gareth Matthews since he became head chef at Shire Hall Care Home in Overstone Court, in Cardiff.

His innovations, coupled with his culinary skills, which have already earned him huge plaudits, have now put him in

line for another prestigious award.

Gareth (37) of Barry, has been shortlisted in the Catering in Care category in this year's Wales Care Awards.

The awards are organized by Care Forum Wales to recognize and reward excellence in the care sector, and will be presented at a glittering ceremony in City Hall, Cardiff, on October 24. Gareth's category is sponsored by Harlech Food Services.

After completing his training in

Cardiff, Gareth worked at numerous hotels in Britain and Spain but with three young children he found the long unsocial hours too onerous: "Shire Hall, which has 98 residents, is like a very nice, small hotel," he said.

He was nominated by Shire Hall's manager Karen Grapes, who said that among the changes he had introduced were a choice of cooked or continental breakfasts with a choice of pancakes.

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• *'Shot at Dawn: The Fifteen Welshmen executed by the British Army in the First World War'*, by Robert King, was published on October 1; price £9.99, Paperback Original, 978-0-7509-5642-0.

Memories of a World War 2 German U-boat commander

ON September 30, captain David Cledlyn Jones gave a talk to Dinas Powys Proboscis Club members recounting his continuing relationship with the family of Captain Werner Von Hartenstein, captain of U-boat 156 and the International Association of Submariners, who had at sometime served in U-boat 156.

David had previously told the club how, after

torpedoing merchant ships in the Battle of the Atlantic in World War Two, Captain Werner did all he could to help survivors with food and water and directions to the nearest land-fall, all against the wishes of the German military.

This is how David met Von Hartenstein after his ship was sunk in the South Atlantic. U-156 was itself eventually sunk with a total loss of life by American bombers, while cruising on the surface, the bomb went straight down the open conning tower.

After the war, David published a book recording his 30 days in

a life boat and praising the humanitarian acts of Von Hartenstein.

He and his wife then went to Plauen, Hartenstein's home town in Bavaria, for research into his background. A few years later, he had a phone call from the Naval Association of Germany, who were celebrating their centenary that year, suggesting that he arrange for the book to be translated into German.

The success of the second book led to David and his wife being invited to Bavaria to take part in the celebrations, which

included laying wreaths at the cenotaph recording the names of German submariners lost in World War Two.

At the dinner that evening, David was asked to address the 1,000 or so ex-mariners present on the reasons for writing his books, his interpreter being the 17-year-old son of an Admiral, and he was then awarded two medals in recognition of his work in promoting goodwill between the two nations.

In Hartenstein's home village of Plauen, he laid a wreath at the family grave which has a plaque recording Hartenstein's war service.

Here he met Wolfgang Hess, son of Rudolf Hess who flew to Britain to sue for peace.

Last August 24, family members of German submariners travelled to Swansea to see David and they laid a wreath at the memorial to lost sailors and visited Swansea sea cadets.

Every year for the last 14 years, David has returned to Bavaria, where he visits schools to recount his memories of the war, although German law now prohibits any public discussion about the war or display of medals, unless prior approval has been obtained.

He was ably assisted during his talk by projectionist Polly Davies, who was included in the vote of thanks given by Keith Terry.



Helpline looking for hedgehog hero

HEDGEHOG Helpline (Wales) is appealing to local hedgehog lovers to support them in an on-line poll to find the UK's hedgehog care heroes.

Lisa Wall, of Hedgehog Helpline (Wales) explained: "We're a 100 per cent voluntary organisation, with carers based in Cardiff, the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, RCT, Caerphilly, Torfaen, Newport and Monmouthshire. "Our aim is simple: to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured, sick and orphaned hedgehogs. "Voting is easy. Simply go to

www.arkwildlife.co.uk/hedgehog Helpline (Wales)".

Commenting on the 'hedgehog hero' prize of hedgehog food to the value of £2,500, Helpline chairman Keith Jones said:

"We rely entirely on donations and fortunately the public's generosity has meant we've been able to rescue thousands of hedgehogs over our 30-year history.

"To win the prize would mean that we could help even more of Britain's favourite wild mammal."

NEWS IN BRIEF

A CHILDREN'S Halloween party will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 5pm-8pm at Highlight Park Community Centre, Stirling Road, Barry; email 'halloweenparty-1stnov@hotmail.com' for tickets.

The event will raise funds for local dance company 'Motion Control dance programme'.

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Pontyclun support group's £1,585 boost for Macmillan

LAST year, the Macmillan charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £20 million – £5 million more than in 2012 – and the aim for 2014 is to beat that figure.

The Pontyclun & District Macmillan fundraising support group held their second World's Biggest Coffee Morning on September 26, in Pontyclun Rugby Club. Health therapies and beauty treatments were also offered.

We raised an amazing £890 and the Pontyclun group were also given the opportunity to stage a bucket collection at Marks and Spencers in Talbot Green, raising a spectacular total of £1,585.53!

Through the ongoing support, generosity and commitment of you all, the support group would like to share the fantastic news that we have reached the amazing total of £13,545.00.

This has been achieved in just 16 months. We are

absolutely delighted and want to thank you all for your amazing generosity.

All the funds raised in Wales on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support are used here in Wales – but there is more! In 2013, Welsh fundraising achieved £2.28 million; however, Macmillan provided services and support totalling 3.6 million in Wales.

Of this, £598,644 was spent to assist 1,932 people with one-off payments of typically, between £200 – £300, to

help with additional costs, such as increased heating bills and travel to and from hospital appointments. It's the little things that are a big help.

Macmillan can only fund services thanks to the generosity of the public. To find out more about how you can help,

call 0300 1000 200 or 230249, Ann Bennett/01443 225187, v i s i t www.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising, Yvonne Ruggles/01443 224845 or Yvonne Peters/07878015744.

To contact the support group, call any of these numbers: Edwina Clark/07710198617, Pat Clash/01443 238946, J u l i e Croad/07933944165, Jeanie Heaviesides/01443 230249, Ann Bennett/01443 225187, Yvonne Ruggles/01443 224845 or Yvonne Peters/07878015744. We will be at Tesco, Talbot Green on October 24, 25 and 26 with our buckets should anyone wish to make a donation!

EDWINA CLARK

County YFC elects officers for the year

THE Glamorgan Federation of Young Farmers Clubs' recent AGM saw the election of officers to the county committee.

Newly elected president, Martyn Popham, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role as a past member of YFC member himself.

Miss Kath Campbell was voted in as county chairman, with Miss Laura Elliott as vice chairman, while Miss Annie Evans takes up the position of competitions chairman. A full list of officers can be viewed at www.glamorgan.btcck.co.uk.

Outgoing president Mr Owen Elliott said: "I wish the federation the very best for the year ahead and for the future. It has been a pleasure to have held this position for the past five years and see the county go from strength to strength."

"If I could give every member a piece of advice, it would be to take every opportunity you can with the YFC movement as it will provide you with skills and experiences like none other."

Having celebrated 75 years of the county last month with 460 guests consisting of current and past members and supporters, the strength of the federation has never been so good. Glamorgan FYFC continues to build on its existing foundation of a varied programme of events, competitions and opportunities with new additions every year.

This year sees the introduction of an eisteddfod competition day on Sunday, October 12 at Neath Constitutional Club.

Members will have the chance to impress the judges by taking part in a variety of competitions which include singing, light entertainment and homework pieces. Aside from the eisteddfod, members also have stockjudging, carcass and public speaking competitions to look forward to in the coming weeks.

To keep up to date with Glamorgan FYFC, visit www.glamorgan.btcck.co.uk; follow @GlamorganYFC on Twitter or like Glamorgan YFC Facebook page.

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Cycle challenge raises £11,000 for Velindre

NFU Cymru group secretary, Julian Kelly, raised more than £11,000 during his recent East Coast Bike Challenge, in aid of the Velindre Cancer Centre's Victory Over Cancer campaign.

In early September, the intrepid cyclist completed a ride of more than 500km, travelling from Boston to New York over five days, which included a 90-mile section across the entire length of Long Island.

On completing the challenge Julian Kelly said: "Spending an average of nine hours a day in the saddle, I tackled mountains and coastal roads which were undulating with long, tough climbs and descents, but this was nothing compared to the challenges

that cancer patients and their families face each day.

"The challenge has raised a substantial amount of money for a worthy cause and I would like to say a big thank you to those who have donated so generously, the total is way beyond my expectations."

Overall, the East Coast Bike Challenge, which also saw Welsh rugby legends Jonathan Davies and Martyn Williams participate, has raised almost £600,000 for the cancer centre's campaign.

Donations can still be made to Julian at the group offices, or via Julian's MyDonate Page <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/juliankellybikeride>.

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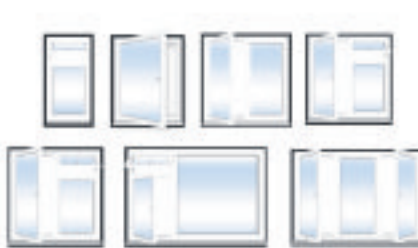
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Cardiff Airport replies to readers...

WE would like to thank Guy Owen for the letter in The GEM on October 2 regarding Cardiff Airport assistance.

We were very pleased that he was happy with the service of the airport team, who assisted him as a disabled passenger and also helped with the retrieval of his lost luggage.

On occasion, airlines incur technical issues which impact on passengers and their luggage, but our staff work hard to manage situations as they arise and to ensure that customers are informed and treated appropriately. We look forward to welcoming him again soon.

In response to the letter from Mike Clemett, published in the same issue, Nato was an exciting project and in addition to handling heads of states, delegates and media, we also welcomed over 17,000 customers through the main terminal.

The airport team worked hard to ensure that our day-to-day flight programme was unaffected and our customers were able to take their flights as normal.

With regards to Mr Clemett's comment regarding landing fees, this has long been a myth locally which we're working hard to overcome.

Cardiff, as all airports, operates a

competitive landing fee structure which is publicly available. However, part of our discussion process with both existing and new airlines is around the frequency and volume of flights which influences the commercial agreement.

I can assure you that Cardiff Airport is extremely competitive and landing fees are certainly no barrier to airlines – it's testament to this that airlines such as CityJet and Ryanair have chosen to operate from the airport this year.

Debra Barber, Managing Director, Cardiff Airport, Rhosce.



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IS THE VALE HEADING FOR A DRAMATIC PHOTO-FINISH IN THE GENERAL ELECTION?

THE emergence of UKIP as a political force makes next year's general election more unpredictable than ever, particularly in Wales.

In May, UKIP won the European elections in the United Kingdom returning 24 MEPs – the breakdown in Wales showed a Labour win with 206,332 votes, ahead of UKIP (201,983) and the Conservatives (127,742).

PACT meetings

GIBBONSDOWN PACT. Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, October 13 at 7pm.

COWBRIDGE PACT. Cowbridge Fire Station, October 13 at 11am.

DINAS POWYS PACT. Bethesda Chapel, Fair Oaks, Dinas Powys, October 13 at 7pm.

COFFEE and chat, The Red Lion, Bonvilston, October at 11.30am.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, the Windsor Public House, October 15 at 7pm.

BUTRILLS PACT, Committee Room 3 at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, October 16 at 6.30pm.

COFFEE and chat, St Brides Major Church Hall, October 18 at 10.30am.

The vote still demonstrated the shock progress UKIP has made in Wales in recent years. Political pundits used to predict a collapse in UKIP's vote come general elections – but now they are not so sure.

UKIP's most well known policies are withdrawal from the European Union and the introduction of tougher immigration measures.

But now new policies are emerging: At its conference recently, it said it wanted to scrap tax for people on the minimum wage. The party also said it was opposed to bombing in Iraq, despite polls indicating a majority of the population is in favour of action, but one that maintains the party's reputation of being distinct from the three major parties.

And on the question of funding, Nigel Farage has said that Wales gets a "rotten deal" from Westminster.

Historically, UKIP has attracted Conservative eurosceptic voters and in the marginal Vale that could also be a factor in the final outcome of next May's parliamentary election.

In the Vale in the 2010 election, the Conservatives' Alun Cairns won the seat with a vote of 20,341 from Labour's Alana Davies with 16,034. The Lib Dems polled 7,403, Plaid Cymru 2,667 and UKIP 1,529.

It is not inconceivable that UKIP could double its vote drawing on disaffected Tories – and that Labour could attract Liberal Democrat voters disillusioned by Nick Clegg's leadership and his decision to form a coalition with the Conservatives.

If that does happen, the Vale could well be looking at another absorbing photo-finish between the Conservatives and Labour come May 5, 2015.

TIM CHAPMAN

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LINDA FEAGAN
(Supporter Relations Officer, Dogs Trust Bridgend)

ROB BRYDON AT FFOS LAS FOR CHARITY RACES

EACH year, Ffos Las Racecourse supports a selected charity and this year it has chosen the Tenovus cancer charity, to help raise much needed funds.

On Sunday, November 9, it will host a day of racing and entertainment, raising funds to help support people

affected by cancer across Wales.

The event will be attended by TV star and Porthcawl-born comedian Rob Brydon, who has been a patron of Tenovus for many years and who is lending his support to help make the event a success. Gates open at 11am.

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The Vale's 50 Plus Forum celebrates 10th birthday!

RIGHT: L Wallis, chairman 50 Plus Forum; the Mayor and Mayoress of Llantwit Major, Coun M Mason and his wife Bridget, watch the Mayor of the Vale, Coun H Hamilton and wife Carol, cut the Forum's birthday cake.

THE Vale's 50 Plus Strategy Forum celebrated its 10th birthday at the Memorial Hall in Barry on September 30.

Forum members from across the Vale joined in, as well as residents and staff of the Cartrf Porthceri care home.

A Bon Marche fashion show was modelled by the forum members themselves, and a tea dance organised by the Sway Dance team based at Barry Leisure Centre.

There were also stalls providing a wide range of information, including the very popular digital inclusion stall, offering



advice on keeping up with technology.

But the undoubted highlight of the day was the Tenovus Sing With Us choir leading the

whole room in a lively sing-along.

A spokesperson for the forum said: "We would like to thank the Mayor and Mayoress of Llantwit Major, Coun Mike Mason and his wife Bridget, for supporting this event, officers from the Vale Council, all the stall holders who provided such a wide range of information to the public throughout the course of

the day, our Older People's coordinator, and our forum members for providing us with such a wide variety of cakes and savouries for our free event."

For more information on the work of the Vale 50 Plus Strategy Forum contact the Older People's Coordinator, John Porter, on 01446 450201, or email jporter@valeofglamorga.n.gov.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guides' fair

THERE will be a craft fair this Saturday (October 11) from 10am - 2pm, at 10th Barry Guides (opposite Romilly schools).

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout group jumble sale is on October 18, at 1.30pm in the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys; admission 50p.

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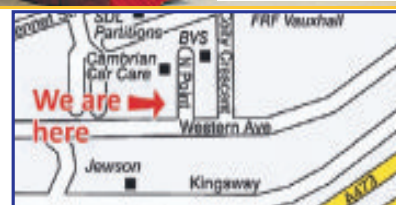
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Organiser Chris Dyer said: "We now offer well in excess of 100 tables at the show, operated by more than 50 traders from all over Britain."

Telephone 01643 702757 or 07966 694579; www.chrisdyerfairs.co.uk

Get Online Week

GET Online Week on October 13-19 aims to promote the benefits of digital technologies for everyday life in the Vale.

Explore Digital at Barry Library on October 17, attended by Jane Hutt AM, will also have representatives of Microsoft, AT Computers, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council, from 10am to 4pm.

Other sessions in the Vale offer free support with basic computer and literacy as follows: Penarth Library, 10am-2pm; Communities First, Skomer Road, Barry, 10am-12pm; Llantwit Major Library, 9.30am-12.30pm; Cowbridge Library, 1.30pm-4.30pm; Wenvoe Library, 10am-12pm; Dinas Powys Library, 2pm-5pm; Margaret Alexander Community Hall Centre, 1pm-3pm; Victoria Park community hall Centre, 1pm-3pm; Rhosce Library, 10am-1pm.

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There will be a talk by Pamela Robson on Dial 'O' for Operator - life as a post office telephonist; followed by the AGM.

An administrative fee of £3 for non-members and £1.50 for members is payable at the door. All are welcome to attend. Enquiries to Betty Williams, on 02920 513524.

Two speakers at FocusBARRY

THE next meeting of the FocusBARRY group will be held at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, at 7pm on Wednesday, October 15 and will be open to the public.

The developer behind plans for the Pumphouse will talk about his vision for this Grade II listed building, and a manager from the recently completed Golau Caredig will talk on the new care facilities.

Major changes are to take place in the way councils provide services to the public. The meeting will conclude with a discussion on the Welsh Government proposals to merge councils.

Art society

ON Thursday, October 16, Cowbridge Art Society will be holding a life drawing session run by Cardiff artist and tutor Richard O'Connell. The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm - 9pm) and visitors and new members are welcome. For details of

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D847.

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Choir in concert with band

TICKETS go on sale this week for the popular RAF St Athan Voluntary Band's annual concert.

Now in its 76th year and following on from a spectacular sell-out 75th last year with the Morrissin Orpheus Choir, the band is delighted to introduce 'Noteworthy' to the Vale of Glamorgan.

One of Wales' newest and most innovative mixed choirs, Noteworthy hails from Maesteg and is directed by the highly-experienced Ryan Wood, who has chosen a programme inspired by stage, screen and best loved choral composers.

Noteworthy will join with the band for spectacular joint compositions by Karl Jenkins and John Rutter, among others. The band will perform under their director of music Alan Bourne and the programme will include highlights from their prize-winning performances at the 2014 Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales and a recent performance at the Miners' Eisteddfod in Porthcawl Pavilion.

The concert is on Saturday, October 18 at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School hall at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Chris Davies, Estate Agents, East Street, Llantwit Major, or on 01446 798527.

Autumn lunch for Arthritis Research

THE Cardiff and Vale branch of Arthritis Research UK is hosting an autumn lunch to raise funds for National Arthritis Week on Saturday, October 18, at 12 noon in St Andrews Major Golf Club, near Cadoston.

Regional fundraising manager Anna-Marie Jones says: "Arthritis holds 10 million people in the grip of excruciating pain, that's one in six of us. So, whether you have arthritis yourself, or you would like to support us for a friend or loved one, please come and join us for this delicious carvery, while supporting a worthwhile cause."

Tickets are available at £14.95 each for a carvery, choice of dessert and followed by tea/coffee, from Marilyn Fraying on 01446 408959.

Extend classes for over-50s

EXTEND in the Vale, sponsored by Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale, is running an Extend class at Rhosce Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhosce, every Thursday (11am - 12pm).

This is a gentle movement to music class that is suitable for older people or less able people of any age.

Each class costs £4, including refreshments. Contact Shirley, Extend teacher on 01446 751077 for more details or email shirleyadc@aol.co.uk or see www.classfinder.org.uk.

Gigs Bach y Fro

MENTER Bro Morgannwg has organised a series of six Welsh language events around the Vale of Glamorgan, titled 'Gigs Bach y Fro' (Little Gigs in the Vale).

Helped by a grant from the Arts Council of Wales, Menter will be working in partnership with Clwb Ifor Bach to organise a calendar of music, poetry and comedy nights in Welsh, which will be held in Penarth, Cowbridge and Barry.

The first event will be held at the Windsor Arms, Penarth, on October 24, with Al Lewis and Kizzy Crawford performing. Tickets are £8 and fluent speakers, learners, and non-Welsh speakers are all welcome to go along.

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The first meeting back is Saturday, October 25, from 10am to 12pm and costs £2 per child.

For further information, parents should call 01446 733589 or email mlstewart@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Llancarfan talk

THE Llancarfan Ladies Tuesday Club will meet at the village hall on Tuesday, October 21 at 7.45pm when restorers and preservers, Jane Rutherford and Ann Ballantyne will give a talk with slides about their painstaking work of restoring paintings and other work, including St Cadoc's at Llancarfan. This meeting is open to the public and there will be refreshments and a raffle.

The Welsh Cook Book - REVIEW

WELSH cooking traditions go back centuries: beef and dairy cattle are raised widely; sheep farming is extensive in the country and lamb is the meat traditionally associated with Welsh cooking, particularly in dishes such as roast lamb with fresh mint sauce.

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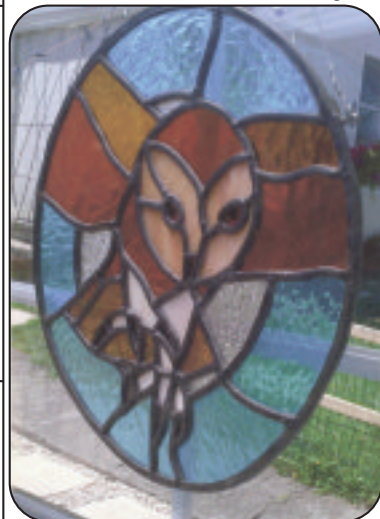
fishing culture is strong and fisheries are common.

In this, the quintessential Welsh cook book, the Right Honourable Lady Llanover, following a meeting with 'the Welsh hermit of the Cell of St Gover', explores traditional Welsh cuisine from the turn of the century, with an excellent range of homemade recipes such as south Wales salmon, Welsh mutton chops, Welsh leek broth and Welsh cakes.

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BRIAN LEE

Stained glass course in Sully



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Fincher's take on Gone Girl is acerbic study of relationships

ONE of cinema's most uncompromising voices, David Fincher, has a reputation for being a director who knows what he wants.

Critically acclaimed, he has spent recent years adapting the likes of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*, and his latest sees him tackle Gillian Flynn's bestseller *Gone Girl*.

Ben Affleck plays Nick, a man who returns home to find his wife Amy (Rosamund Pike) kidnapped, with a fear that she has been murdered. Appealing for witnesses to come forward, Nick is thrust into the public eye, and with it comes the spotlight that shines a little too brightly on Nick, as his innocence is questioned...

Gone Girl, much like

last month's *Before I Go To Sleep*, is adapted from a best-selling novel, yet another example of the literary world encroaching onto the filmic world, but its set-up screams big screen adaptation, given the subject matter of missing persons, secrets being unlocked and people not being who you think they are.

The choice of David Fincher as a director is inspired. Fincher is known for his cold and scalpel-sharp view of the world – and these elements, including a fine cast, coalesce into something gripping, haunting and incredibly acerbic.

While on the surface it's a film that ticks the 'crime' genre box, once the film delves deeper into the subject matter, you discover it's a story of love turned sour, of how we adapt our behaviour to suit both our needs and the needs

of other people and how perceptions and impressions, even from afar, can influence people's thinking.

Both Fincher and Affleck have described it as a date movie, but it would require a pretty strong pair to come out of this film thinking pursuing a relationship would be the best thing to do; arguably it's an anti-date movie, a film that takes a close look at the minutiae of a couple and scrapes away at it.

Fincher's camera is as ever coldly calculating and ruthlessly efficient, as we crisscross from the aftermath of Amy's disappearance to the stages of her relationship with Nick, seeing how little grace moments (a storm of sugar, the first kiss) give way to passive aggressive behaviour and downright anger as their romantic idyll is shattered slowly and surely, by both circumstance and

behaviour. While Fincher ensures you never avert your eyes from this romantic car crash, it's teamed with a story that slowly grips and enthralls, as we learn more about Amy's disappearance and watch as Nick's role appears to move from upset husband to possible killer.

Gillian Flynn, adapting from her own book, does a superb job of trimming off the superfluous edges of her source material and cutting to the real meat of the story.

What is satisfying, as someone who hasn't read the book, is how the film plays much deeper than the story suggests, Flynn highlighting how we transform ourselves depending on either the needs of ourselves or other people; how well do we really know someone, is what attracts us to someone who they

are or what we want them to be?

It's embellished with some wonderful performances – Ben Affleck, as the weary, put-upon Nick, makes him feel like a real and rounded character, hinting that underneath his everyman persona there is a slightly darker hue, while Rosamund Pike delivers what is easily her best performance to date, showing an incredible range as Amy goes from victim to possible instigator, Pike's performance shifting effortlessly through the gears.

In support, Carrie Coon is wonderful as Nick's twin sister, Kim Dickens and Patrick Fugit as the lawmen (and women) tasked with solving the case intersect a punch of wit along with exposition, while small but pivotal turns from Neil Patrick Harris, Tyler Perry and Scoot McNairy are pitch perfect.

It isn't flawless, as even though the film manages to ride out the aftermath of the big reveal, it does flounder towards a conclusion that, although playing realistically, perhaps doesn't offer a definitive full stop, while there are a few plot holes that linger, but these

grumbles aside, *Gone Girl* still makes for a difficult, but tremendously engaging, viewing experience, a page turner brought to vivid life.

VERDICT: A harsh look at relationships and how we present ourselves, with a healthy dose of thriller to boot, *Gone Girl* is a wonderful piece of filmmaking

from David Fincher. Abrasive and daring, Gillian Flynn's smart adaptation of her own material, coupled with strong performances, make this a darkly entertaining slice of cinema. *Recommended.*
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The War of the Roses* (1991), *Zodiac* (2007).



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Eileen (93) revisits Nazi horror camp



Eileen Younghusband and Barry RAF Association at Fort Breendonk.

ON the day of the Scottish Referendum, 93-year-old local resident Eileen Younghusband, a World War Two Filter Room Officer, revisited Fort Breendonk in Belgium.

She was reliving the memories of serving at the fort three days after the end of the war, as a young female RAF officer of 25.

Eileen was able to speak several languages, so was given the task of taking parties of servicemen into the prison, so that the barbaric condition prisoners of war were subjected to would never be forgotten.

The fort had been used as a holding camp for Jews, prior to being sent to Auschwitz. Subsequently it became a concentration camp.

The conditions there were inhumane and Eileen recounted some of those experiences as she went around the fort with a group from the Barry RAF Association during a stay close by at Steenberg in Holland.

In a surprise visit, Eileen was able to meet the Fort Breendonk Director and learned that the Director already had her book which captured some of those moments of days at the prison, 'One Woman's War'.

As she went around the fort, the sights and smells came back to her. In one cell, the shackles which secured the prisoners were clearly evident. A picture of Christ was

marked on the wall of one cell, drawn with that person's own blood.

Many prisoners did not leave the fort and were executed at the rear. The 10 execution posts still remain with the bullet holes to remind everyone of the macabre deeds of those days gone by.

The remains of three gallows was also a stark reminder to fort visitors of the gruesome deeds that went on. A plaque on the wall nearby lists the names of those executed during those dark days.

The torture room provided a visual memory of the suffering that took place so many years ago; also the yard where prisoners were forced to pass their days doing hard labour.

The striking picture of a dwarf who was imprisoned is a stark reminder that those who were different were targeted by the Nazis.

For Eileen Younghusband, this was a moving visit of a time in her young life when she had to face the now imprisoned fort guards, who then became the inmates, at the end of the war.

She recounted being spat upon during those daily trips to the fort, to show people around. For Eileen the visit was a poignant reminder of an episode in her young life so many years ago – but one that has still left its mark.

GEOFF HORTON,
(Chairman and Hon Welfare Officer, Barry RAF Association)

U3A group steps back in time at Roman fortress



THE Sully U3A's local history group recently spent a very pleasant afternoon visiting Caerleon – to see the remains of the Roman fortress, Isca.

Wales was the most westerly point of the Roman Empire and Caerleon was one of only three permanent fortresses.

The group visited the

remains of the amphitheatre, walked along the surviving Roman wall, which still stands in places up to 12 feet, then visited the Prsgy Field to see the only Roman barracks visible in Europe, together with the public latrines and ovens.

They then visited the Legionary Museum to see its collection of artefacts, the reconstruction of the interior of a Roman barracks and the sights,

sounds and smells of the reconstructed Roman garden. Lastly, they visited the Roman baths, where the lighting effects give the appearance of people swimming in the baths.

The local history section is one of many interest groups. Sully U3A meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2pm in The Old School, Sully and new members are always welcome.

Susan Colman

Christmas Party Guide

The Vale and Bridgend offer great choice for your Christmas party

THAT time of year is coming closer – the season of parties and events to mark the festive season.

While the office or

workplace party can be the highlight of the year, it can also be a disaster, unless it is held at the right venue, with good food.

Luckily, in this area, we are blessed with a wonderful

choice of restaurants, pubs and hotels which cater for Christmas parties to suit groups of varying sizes.

There are lots of places which offer traditional fare – turkey and Christmas pudding –

which remain as popular as ever.

But for those looking for something a bit more exotic, many venues now offer a new twist on the basic menu with other options designed to cater for a more sophisticated

palate. But whichever meal you prefer, the important thing is that top quality foodstuffs are used and that they are properly cooked and beautifully presented.

The ambience at Christmas events is also crucial – roaring log fires and crackers may be a bit of a cliché but it's what most people expect.

Many hotels and restaurants spend a lot of money on really top class decorations which are a world away from the tinsel and tack of yesteryear.

A room beautifully decorated in swags of greenery, coloured berries and subtly lit with candlelight is probably the finest setting for celebrating the most important event in the calendar.

So, with good food, fine wines and the right setting, the only other ingredient necessary for a great night out is the company.

People you work with all year suddenly look different when they are dressed up in a bit of bling and glitz.

Lots of romances have begun at the works' Christmas do and for the younger, unattached staff members, that's an exciting possibility.
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Christmas Party Guide



Be 'Drink Aware' this Christmas

CHRISTMAS parties – whether an office do or a social event – are there to be enjoyed, but careful planning can make sure there are no negative consequences after the event!

The drink awareness charity, Drinkaware (www.drinkaware.co.uk) has a number of tips designed to get revellers to drink responsibly and make the most of the office party.

The charity quotes the example of a 36-year-old manager of a computer company. In the past he's dreaded having to organise his firm's annual bash.

He said: "Some of my co-directors have been in business since the 1970s, when all-day drinking was considered

the point of any Christmas party. "They used to order constant rounds and everyone else had to keep up. By about seven o'clock, we all felt completely trashed."

After too many hungover telephone calls to restaurants apologising for the previous night's behaviour (and trying to locate lost coats and handbags), Roger decided to ring the changes.

He said: "These days I try and make sure that there's plenty of mineral water available on the tables for everyone, and that people don't feel pressured to order alcohol."

"Most staff still enjoy a drink, but it does help calm everything down."

The good news is that soft drinks are no

longer seen as an unsophisticated option. With upmarket organic lemonade and cola, plus a wide range of alcohol-free cocktails increasingly available, taking a breather from the wine, beer or spirits does not have to be boring.

Alternating alcohol with softer options helps you make the most of the night ahead. Non-alcoholic drinks keep you hydrated and ensure that you are still partying when others have long since flaked out.

He added: "One of the things I've realised is that pacing yourself is important."

"If you slow down with the wine, you get to enjoy a proper chat with people you might not have really spoken to all year."

PARTY CHOICE

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Older colleagues will settle for the easy camaraderie which exists between people who know each other very well and have mutual respect.

But apart from workplace parties, there are also lots of Christmas get-togethers staged by organisations – ranging from choirs, art societies, WI's, charity fundraisers and sporting groups – in fact any organisation which brings people together. Most organise a Christmas

event which gives members, who perhaps only see each other once a week, a chance to enjoy each other's company in more relaxing circumstances.

Yes, there's plenty to be said for the Christmas party. Just make sure you ensure that yours is as good as it can be by hiring the right venue for you and your group – whether it be a cosy country inn or a grand hotel where everyone can really dress up.

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In addition to the European languages, there were taster lessons in Japanese with Ms Roche and in Swahili with Mrs Ellis.

Besides learning new languages, pupils enjoyed experiences with an international theme in art, music and cooking. There was also a quiz on languages with prizes for the winners.

Ms Evans would like to thank everyone who took part in a very successful languages day.

Coffee time! Barry Comprehensive was proud to join schools and offices across the UK last Friday to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Students, parents and staff contributed cakes which Sixth Form students sold to eager pupils at break time. Many staff also baked and submitted a mouth-watering selection of cakes to the cake competition.

The school was delighted to welcome guests to the learning resource centre to join in with the fundraising, including former staff, members of the Better Readers group and Jane Hutt AM.

The morning was a great success and raised £250 for Macmillan, a very worthwhile charity. AC



ABOVE: Irmalin and Malin shared information about Sweden with year-7.



7DT making delicious pizza in Catering.



Jane Hutt AM (on left) with guests supporting Macmillan at Barry Comprehensive School.



Sixth Form students ready to serve guests.

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LAST weekend saw Cosmeston Lake as the focal point for a day of multisport training. The

country park, situated between Penarth and Sully, is now a designated Local Nature Reserve and was once a commercial limestone quarry between 1880 and 1970.

Many local families turned up to experience a morning of kayaking on the beautiful lake, which is also home to many swans and ducks. Sensibly, a number of

families came in wet suits in order to avoid the imminent wet bottom scenario. The Barry Scout group was also out in force enjoying the perfectly calm conditions to experience kayaking for the first time.

Following a morning of kayaking, I moved on to hosting a multisport training session in preparation for the upcoming Mini Burn at Margam Park on October 11, and the Cardiff Burn at Llandaff Rowing Club

on October 26.

Participants from as far afield as Coventry arrived and we began with an hour of orienteering training, both theory and practical, using the permanent orienteering course that has been set up around the Park by the South Wales Orienteering Club. The use of maps, both Ordnance Survey and orienteering maps were new to most of them, as well as the use of the compass, but all progressed quickly and managed to find the check points.

Then we headed back to the lake for a 90 minute introduction to the sit-on-top kayaking course that allowed the participants to practice all strokes and to become used to the different positions in the kayak. We used both single and double kayaks for this session.

Ollie, our only junior on the course, seemed more interested in swimming the length of Cosmeston, so father Les had his work cut out trying to keep a check on his whereabouts.

The real fun then began as we moved on to practicing transition training, which meant Les and Ollie amongst others, had to practise transition from bike to kayak to run to kayak and

back to bike again as quickly as possible. Due to the excitement, we had a few splashes in the water as teams tried their luck at getting in and out of the kayak as quickly as possible at the same time.

Moving at a fast pace we then spend 20 minutes learning about emergency bike repairs. There is nothing worse than facing a flat tyre during a race and not knowing how to fix it.

As if that wasn't enough, we concluded the day with a practice Burn event around Cosmeston Park. It followed roughly the same order as a Burn event beginning with a run, then a kayak and then a bike orienteering phase. We even used the electronic training equipment so participants could get used to the check point controls and timing chips.

After a multisport day everyone was exhausted but pleased with their progress and are now raring to take part in the upcoming Mini Burn and Cardiff Burn events.

Murphy, our canine marshal, as well as handler Chris Daw, were also out offering a hand to run the day. If you're keen to become involved in the Burn Series then do check out the website at www.burnseries.co.uk

Mew the kitten was dumped by the roadside

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MEW is a 12-week-old black female kitten who was admitted to us after a keen-eyed motorist spotted a driver parked up and acting suspiciously in Nantymoel.

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She had to be admitted to the vets for IV fluids and treatment. She was lifeless in the first few days with us, just sitting and cuddling her teddy bear.

A week of TLC later, she is a completely different kitten, bright eyed and full of mischief. Sadly, this isn't a unique case. We are frequently contacted about cats and kittens which have been found dumped in boxes or simply abandoned and left to roam by their owners.

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A NEW programme of Get Back on Track courses has been launched across the Vale of Glamorgan.

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The new prospectus is now available with a wide range of short courses and workshops designed to help people get Back on Track and gain useful skills for a new start.

Many people are looking to make some changes in their lives and find a new job. All Job

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Homes & Gardens

A favourite room – what does it mean to you?

EVERYONE has a favourite part of their home – and celebrities are no different. Here, stars tell **GABRIELLE FAGAN** about the rooms they feel most relaxed and happy in.

Marco Pierre White, 52, celebrity chef,

restaurateur and television personality:

"I like all areas of my home but, of course, I spend most of my time in the kitchen, which is set up to the standard of a professional one.

"I don't have a dishwasher; instead, I wash everything in an old Belfast sink as I was taught to do as a trainee years ago.

"My pride and joy are two black three-oven AGA Total Control cookers. It means I have six ovens, four solid tops and lots of space – you can't ask for more."

Jane Seymour, 62, actress and artist:

"My art studio at my beach-side home in Malibu, California. It's a really personal, really private place and very inspirational to me.

"It overlooks a koi pond with a waterfall and a rose garden and it's a quiet spot with beautiful light.

"I can lose track of time there, forget my worries and become totally absorbed when I'm designing furniture, lamps, jewellery and fabrics or painting."

Alan Titchmarsh, 64, celebrity gardener, writer and presenter:

"My study is in a converted barn in the garden with a large window overlooking a wildlife pond, so I can gaze out at ducks and moorhens. It's totally relaxing and my favourite spot."

George Lamb, 24, presenter:

"I live in virtually an open-plan space in my Hackney home. It's a part-converted factory and I'm on one floor with around 1,200 square feet, which is amazing.

"It's bohemian, with exposed brick walls and the original massive red firehoses and industrial steel pipework visible in the ceiling, and a huge skylight so it's flooded with light."

Lisa Snowden, 41, TV presenter and radio DJ:

"I love cooking and I recently got my dream kitchen, a Smallbone walnut and silver kitchen, with mirror panels on the kickboards which gives an illusion that the room is larger, and granite work surfaces.

"There are dark wood floors throughout the house but the kitchen has a heated tiled floor, a treat for the toes. I practically live in that room as

it's such a joy to be in."

Janet Ellis, 58, TV presenter and actress:

"My kitchen is my favourite, because it runs from the front of the house to the back, and at each end the windows look out on to gardens.

"It has fitted cream Ikea kitchen units, stainless steel worktops and a huge oven. There's a large central island and running on from that, a dining table which seats 12.

"The whole room is serene in cream shades, and an oasis compared to rest of the house, which is filled with colour and lots of art. On guard by the kitchen door is a life-size model of a Staffordshire Bull Terrier."

Danny Wallace, 37, writer, actor and radio presenter:

"My attic study, where I feel relaxed and in charge and do all my writing. The light is brilliant and the walls are white, apart from one wall papered with wood effect wallpaper, where my desk is," he says.

"There are loads of bookshelves groaning with books and, of course, being a man's retreat, a sofa and a large TV.

"In one corner is a vintage 1940s school desk, which I bought for my four-year-old son, Elliot. He's writing his own book about Big Ben, which he adores for some reason."

Kirsty Gallacher, 37, Scottish TV presenter:

"My kitchen dining area is a playroom, homework area and social zone, with glass doors which lead onto the garden.

"We have a three-storey townhouse so the bottom floor is the hub of the house, with my sons, who are aged seven and three, and the dog running in out from the garden, especially in the summer.

"On the patio we have a hen house, a reminder of the time when we used to have hens and they came in and out of the house too. There's a country atmosphere to this room and I still have hen ornaments."

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Vale anti-fracking group plans protest march to Senedd

CAMPAIGNERS in the Vale who are opposed to fracking will be marching from Dyffryn to The Senedd this Saturday, October 11, as part of 'Global Frackdown Day'.

Global Frackdown is a day of action against fracking and unconventional gas exploration taking place across the world.

Friends of The Earth Cymru and Frack Free Wales are organising a lobby and protest at The Senedd at 12pm. Speakers include Bethan Jenkins, Plaid Cymru AM, and Pippa Bartolotti, Leader of the Welsh Green Party.

Local residents from 'The Vale Says No' anti-fracking group will be making a "symbolic journey" from Dyffryn, the nearest site in the Vale given planning permission to test drill, to the Senedd to take part.

A spokesperson for Vale Says No said: "Dyffryn is one of three sites given permission for test drilling in the Vale.

"A token of turf from this site and from the other sites at Llandow and Llantrithyd will be carried on the walk and

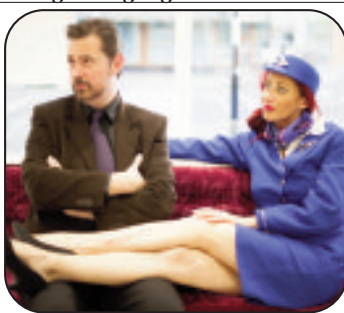
presented at the Senedd as a petition from the land itself, asking that it remains unharmed by the action of fracking for shale gas".

The 10-mile walk will leave the Dyffryn site at 8am, and go via Barry, Sully and Penarth – crossing the barrage to Cardiff Bay.

The anticipated arrival time at the Barrage is 11.30am, where more people are expected to

join in. A spokesperson said: "Supporters are welcome to join the walk at its start, along the route, or meet up at the barrage. Personal responsibility for safety and navigation must be accepted. The section to the barrage is not a guided walk".

Visit *The Vale Says No* and *The Global Frackdown* pages on Facebook for more information.



ABOVE: Brian Smith (Bernard) and Amanda Matthews (Gabriella).

Brian's back – as Bernard!

BRIAN SMITH, a seasoned player with Everyman Theatre, was recently seen playing Edmund Blackadder at Sophia Gardens in Blackadder 2, where he received great acclaim from audiences of over 3,000 per night.

He now returns to PODS after several years, to take on the role of Bernard – a Persian bachelor in *BOEING BOEING*, a strict set of timetables for three air hostesses all from different countries, working for different airlines. His timing must be impeccable, one little slip and the girls might meet each other!

BOEING BOEING is

on Wednesday, October 15-18 from 7.30pm at the Paget Rooms Penarth.

Tickets are available from Brian Gardener on 02920 712260; e-mail ticketsecretary@pods-penarth.org or purchase online at www.pods.ticketsource.co.uk.

Walk for hospice

GEORGE THOMAS Hospice Care is seeking walkers for the charity's Walk For Hope taking place this Sunday, October 12, in Bute Park, Cardiff.

It starts at 10am from the Temple of Peace and Health in Cathays Park.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from George Thomas Hospice Care at Tŷ George Thomas, Whitechurch Hospital Grounds, Park Road, Whitechurch, Cardiff, telephone 02920 524150, or email: info@gtgc.org.uk.

RECRUIT READY TO COOK UP A STORM AT SEA!

RIGHT: Trainee chef Tom Edwards could soon be cooking for 1,000 Navy 'diners'.

AN 18-year-old Royal Navy recruit from Barry has completed the first stage of his naval training and is now on course for a career at sea.

Trainee chef Tom Edwards arrived at the gates of HMS Raleigh in Cornwall in June 2014.

He has now undergone 10 weeks of intensive training designed to teach recruits the basic skills required by all sailors.

The course culminates with the



passing-out-parade attended by families and friends. The former pupil of Barry Comprehensive said: "I joined the Royal Navy to serve my country and travel the world.

"I'm proud to have completed the course. I enjoyed the physical elements the most and also meeting new and interesting people.

"It has been one of the best times of my life and I would recommend it to anyone."

With the first phase of this training complete, Tom will transfer to the Defence Maritime Logistics School, which

is also based at HMS Raleigh. During a 26-week course he will learn how to cook tasty meals for hundreds of people as well as fine dining cuisine.

He will also learn about food hygiene, health and safety, catering accountancy and stock control.

"Once fully qualified Tom will join a team who make sure the ship's company receive three nutritious meals a day.

He could be cooking for up to 1,000 people, depending on the class of ship he is assigned to," a spokeswoman said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pen-y-Fai concert

A CHARITY concert in aid of refurbishment of the Pen-y-Fai Scout and Guide hall will be held this Saturday (October 11) with local band Mid Life Crisis from 7pm till 12am. Raffle and disco.

Tickets £3 per person or £5 per couple, available on the night or from Sandra's shop The Selection Box, in Treherne Drive in Pen-y-Fai.

Toys and trains

A TOY and Train fair will be held at Penarth Leisure Centre on Saturday, October 11 at 10.30am until 3pm. Cadroxton Youth

Project will be fundraising at the event.

Proceeds will help local causes. For more information, call Rita on 01446 621829.

Valeways guided walks BIRTHDAY Walk this Sunday, October 12, at 2pm from Portobello House car park, Ogmere.

Autumn woods and river walk, from St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys Sunday, October 12 at 2pm.

Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park on Wednesday, October 15 at 10.30am outside the Visitor Centre.

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Kate Thomas, Lord Strathcarron and Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards.



John Weber, Pam Williams and Ian Kelsall.

MEMBERS of the South Wales branch of the English Speaking Union were regaled at their autumn lunch by guest speaker, Lord Strathcarron, who gave a fascinating insight into Mark Twain's journey through India in 1896.

The American author had built up a debt totalling £5 million in today's money and had decided to do the honourable thing and repay his debtors from the proceeds of writing about his round the world trip.

Lord Strathcarron had travelled in the footsteps of Mark Twain and his talk was as informative, sagacious and witty as the author himself, and included many interjections by the recorded voice of the humourist.

The next branch event is the traditional Christmas carols and supper at Howell's School on December 2. Details of membership from branch chairman, Derek Morgan: email dmcaym@googlemail.co.uk.

'LIBRARIES BATTLE GOES ON' campaigners warn

CAMPAIGNERS battling against cuts to Vale library services have vowed to continue their fight – despite a Vale Council meeting voting in favour of proposals to cut hours at four major libraries, and recruit volunteers to run the remaining five community libraries.

"The council was split on the decision – with 25 voting to support what they called

'innovative proposals', and 18 voting to 'express concern at proposals to cut opening hours and an over-reliance on volunteers, instead of professional library staff,'" said Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, who moved the motion against the cuts.

He called for the Vale public to make their views on the cuts known in the next consultation – which will ask for the public's opinion on the cuts to opening hours, voluntary libraries and moving the St Athan library.

"There is substantial concern

about the impact of these changes upon the Vale library service, which is held in high regard.

"We have 20 per cent more regular users of libraries in the Vale than the Wales or UK average; 96 per cent of people surveyed think that this is a good service and 95 per cent think that the current opening hours are good.

"But this is all under threat by plans to cut opening hours and have volunteer-run libraries.



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NEWS IN BRIEF AROUND the AREA

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Bring a cake, either home baked or faked, to be entered for judging then sold to raise funds... nothing serious

but lots of fun... from 1pm.

Also on sale will be cushions, jewellery, Christmas decorations and home made jams and preserves.
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Fibromyalgia support

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on Tuesday, October 14 at 11am - 1pm. Call 01446 733315 for full details.

COLDBROOK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEME Community Event 22nd October 2014

A Vale of Glamorgan Council scheme to reduce flood risk in the Coldbrook Catchment of Barry is currently entering the construction phase, with work programmed to start on site in December 2014. The project is supported by the European Regional Development Fund, Welsh Government and the Council.

Community events to raise awareness of the scheme, and explain how the community can reduce the consequences of flooding, were last held in May 2012. Following a redesign of the scheme, a further public event will be held on Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at Oakfield Primary School, Amroth Court, Caldys Close, Barry.

Residents and businesses in the Dyfan, Gibbonsdown, Court and Cadoc wards of Barry are invited to take part in the event, view the proposals and share their opinions with the project team.

There will be an afternoon drop in session from 3.30pm to 6pm, where details of the Flood Management Scheme will be available to view and discuss with the project team. A community meeting will be held from 6pm where there will be a presentation on the scheme followed by a question and answer session.

Those interested can catch up with progress on the scheme's website: www.coldbrookflood.co.uk or sign up to a text alert service by texting "Flood" to 60066. There are also Facebook and Twitter pages which have been kept up to date with relevant news throughout the scheme.

Dated 9th October 2014

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
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Bryn Hafren pupils celebrate fun day of European culture



RECENTLY, pupils of Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School spent a day immersed in European culture as part of the European day of language celebrations.

Pupils, for the 10th consecutive year, enjoyed a day of fun and varied activities including food tasting, quizzes and singing 'Let It Go' in 25 different languages.

Staff were amazed by the wonderful fancy dress costumes pupils wore which included flamenco dancers and even some leprechauns.

The languages faculty were delighted, and thankful for the efforts made by both staff and pupils throughout the day which helped make it a great success.

Call for help at Porthkerry Park

THE Rangers at Porthkerry Country Park are appealing for volunteers to help clear the park's footpaths of debris ready for winter walks.

The clean-up operation takes place on Sunday, October 12 from 10.30am to 1pm, with free drinks and

biscuits supplied.

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Cwm Barri Way entrance and are advised to wear long sleeves.

For more information, contact the park rangers on 01446 733589 or email porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Councillor calls for regeneration cash discussion

PLAID CYMRU councillor Ian Johnson has called for a Welsh Government report on Barry regeneration to be discussed at the next full Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting.

In 2010, Barry was named a Strategic Regeneration Area, with £9.8 million invested in the town over a four-year period.

A Welsh Government report on the regeneration programme is due to be published shortly.

Coun Johnson said that it

was important the lessons of the regeneration programme were learnt, and that investment was best directed to create jobs and a better living environment.

He said: "I am concerned that this report will simply be put in a drawer and forgotten about if it is not scrutinised in full council, in front of the public."

He added that he was unhappy that Barry had not been included in the next round of regeneration funding.

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'Yes, Vale IS different'

HAVING lived in Cardiff most of my life until moving to Llantwit Major in 2001, I totally agree with Coun Neil Moore. Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan are not compatible partners for a

merger.

Cardiff is a big sprawling city with a large population growing rapidly and with different priorities to the countryside setting of the Vale.

When I moved here, it was a total culture shock to my system. I benefited from the community spirit immediately, though it

was a bit unnerving when strangers smiled and greeted you. In Cardiff, you tend to avoid eye contact.

The pace of life was steady, not hectic, and shopping locally became a pleasure, not a chore.

The roads were well maintained, the streets clean and everyone went out of their way to make you welcome.

Be careful what you

wish for if you think it's a good idea for the merger to take place. The Vale would play second fiddle to the bureaucracy of the capital, and we would lose our much admired public services for their version, which isn't pretty.

Let's keep the excellent Vale of Glamorgan as it is, or at least merge with a similar area.

Jo Cody, Llantwit Major.

Libraries: how local is local?

VALE Council proposals for community-owned or managed libraries across much of the Vale could, bizarrely, have been lifted from the Conservatives' localism section of their manifesto for the 2010 general election.

So how local is local? Well, we see that there are no plans to make Barry or Penarth libraries community-owned or run. It is also clear that a majority of the Vale's councillors serve wards in Barry or Penarth.

Let's be in no doubt: this is a cynical attempt to save half a million pounds a year out of the Vale's budget, with

minimal effect on the library service of the voters of Barry and Penarth, save for a reduction in opening hours.

The lion's share of savings is therefore to the cost of all library users who do not live in Barry or Penarth.

On Monday, October 13 we are expecting the consultation on these proposals to begin. I would call on all Vale library users to respond to the consultation and reject them in the strongest terms.

To the users of Cowbridge and Llantwit Major libraries, I would say don't be complacent just because you are not part of these current proposals. You will surely be next in line when there are yet more savings to be made.

In May 2017, councillors will be held to account by library users all across the Vale for this insulting and ill thought out attack on our valued library services. I hope that the response to the consultation will bring you to your senses.
Adam Riley, East Aberthaw.

No news on a Post Office!

IWONDER if Mr Alun Cairns MP would like to add a campaign against junk mail to his efforts on unwanted phone calls?

I and the other residents of our street all had a large piece of unsolicited mail delivered yesterday calling itself the 'Vale of Glamorgan Chronicle'.

It contained no fewer than eight full colour photos of the perpetrator, who seemed to be on something of an ego trip, yet still no Post Office...hmmmm.
K Robinson, Cowbridge.

Plaid's call on fracking

A PLAID Cymru councillor, Ian Johnson has called for a moratorium on fracking, ahead of Saturday's Frack Free Wales Day (October 11) - where campaigners plan to protest outside the National Assembly for Wales.

Environmental campaigners from Friends of the Earth Cymru say that the Welsh Government has the powers to implement a moratorium.

"Plaid Cymru has called for there to be no fracking until the techniques used for hydraulic fracturing can be proven safe," said Coun Johnson of Barry.

'Keep dogs in check'

IN the past three weeks dogs have twice attacked sheep on farmland adjacent to Stalling Down.

Pregnant ewes are especially vulnerable at this time of year and can abort their lambs even if the dogs do not catch them.

Would people exercising their dogs please ensure that they

are under control at all times? They should be aware that livestock keepers are entitled to shoot dogs near animals and the owners are liable for veterinary expenses, loss of stock, and prosecution by the police.

With a little care and vigilance, all this can be avoided.
John Pugh, Aberthaw.

Assembly powers: 'Let people vote'

READING the comments from Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale of Glamorgan, and First Minister Carwyn Jones AM on more powers for the Assembly, which could include tax raising powers, the people must be given a vote on this.

My own opinion is that they must never be given these extra powers.

The Health Service is being cut to the bone, people are dying in ambulances waiting to be seen at hospitals, the education system is in

tatters. It seems to me that the National Assembly is nothing more than a legal dictatorship.

Next on the plan, if councils cannot agree to merge with each other, they are going to be forced to merge by the dictat coming from the Assembly.

How is that for democracy? They say we have too many councils; if that is the case, we have way too many Government departments.

I think the way forward is to abolish the Assembly for all the good it has done us.
DJ Radford, Barry.

'Reform vital to save the NHS'

WITHOUT wishing to get embroiled in the school playground tiff about whether the Welsh or English NHS is better, the subject is worthy of serious debate as it affects all of us.

The NHS, at point of delivery, is in most cases an excellent service, but we tend to only hear about things that go wrong. The brutal truth is that whichever part of the UK you are in, the NHS in its current format is unsustainable.

An increasing and ageing population has put intolerable pressures on the system which fundamentally, has not changed since its inception in 1948.

Think of the changes that have taken place since then!

Unless there is a huge increase in taxation to cover the additional costs, the whole system will grind to a halt without reform.

Elsewhere in the UK, the health budget is ring-fenced, so the money cannot be spent elsewhere.

The Assembly, in its infinite wisdom, removed this safeguard, so now the money goes into the central pot and can be spent on schools or roads or vanity projects like buying airports.

Can it be fixed? Yes, but not in the short term and not without making changes which will be

unpopular. Other than reintroduction of prescription charges, other measures which might need to be considered are withholding treatment from patients deemed to bear responsibility for their own condition - smoking, drinking, over-eating, for example. Wastage has to be cut in all areas.

Will it be fixed? Not unless there is the political will to do it and as cuts don't buy votes, the answer is almost certainly no.

The NHS is close to collapse, with an overspend of £500 million in the first three months of the financial year - with Wales particularly affected by the number of doctors leaving it.

Simply throwing more money at it does not solve the problem - fundamental reform is required.

Alec Trousdell, Llanblethian.

First showing

LOCAL landscape artist Margaret Brown is exhibiting her work for the first time in the Travellers' Gallery on Barry railway station.

The exhibition, entitled, 'Land, Sea, Air' runs until November 7 on weekdays from 7am - 12 noon.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014

1. On the 22nd August 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 32, 33 & 35 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 23rd August 2014 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the 'Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) Order 2014'

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected area may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 22nd August 2014 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE

Proposed Car Park Charging and Enforcement - Daily 08.00 to 23.00
Appendix

Nells Point Barry Island

Dated this 9th day of October 2014.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

APPENDIX

PAYMENT PARKING PLACES

Classes of vehicles

1. Registered Disabled vehicles
2. Motor cars
3. Buses / Coaches
4. Solo Motorcycle



Name of Parking Place	Class of Vehicle	Hours & Days of operation of Parking Place	Max Period for which a vehicle may wait	Scale of Charges for Parking Place
Nell's Point, Station Approach Road, Barry Island	1, 2 & 4 by arrangement only	08.00 - 23.00 every day	15 hours	From 15 March - 30 September (08.00 - 23.00 hours) *Evening rate applies when parking after 18.00 hours 0-2 Hours £2.00 2 plus hours £5.00 Buses / Coaches £10.00 Disabled FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE (18.00 - 23.00 hours) * Evening rate 0-7 Hours £2.00 Disabled FREE Buses / Coaches £5.00 Solo Motorcycle FREE
	1, 2 & 4 by arrangement only	08.00 - 23.00 every day	15 hours	From 1 October - 14 March (08.00 - 23.00 hours) 0-15 Hours FREE Buses / Coaches FREE Disabled FREE Solo Motorcycle FREE

PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003 Section 17 (5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT

An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a PREMISES LICENCE.

To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below. Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk. Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

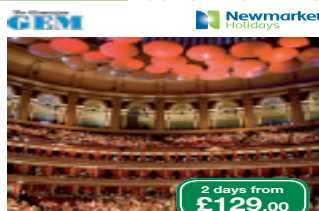
Name of applicant: David Chambers/Bridgend County Borough Council

Name and postal address of the premises: Blaengarw Workmen's Hall, Blaengarw Road, Blaengarw, Bridgend CF32 8AW.

Statement of intended licensable activities: (1) Sale by retail of alcohol Monday to Saturday: 12.00 - 23.00hrs. Live music, recorded music, performances of dance, anything of a similar description, making music, dancing & entertainment Monday to Saturday: 10.00 - 23.00hrs. Plays, pantomimes and films Monday to Saturday: 10.00 - 23.00hrs. Indoor sporting events including boxing and wrestling Monday to Saturday: 10.00 - 23.00hrs. Opening hours of the premises Monday to Saturday: 08.30 - 23.30hrs.

Date by which representations must be made: 28th October 2014. This notice remains in force from and including the day after the giving of this notice to the licensing authority, namely 30th Sept 2014, for 28 consecutive days. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000. (1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

COACH HOLIDAYS



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GLADSTONE'S TEA PARTY FOR MACMILLAN



Soroptimists again help to turn the tide on litter!



Volunteers from Soroptimist International Barry and District again cleaned Jackson's Bay beach on September 21, as part of the Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) Beachwatch Big Weekend.

Four kilogrammes of rubbish was collected and every item was recorded so that the main sources of litter can be identified.

The main problems were small plastic pieces, shredded paper, small polystyrene pieces and small glass pieces.

The picture shows Lynne Baker, Pat Salt, Linda Jones and Jackie Memory.

To find out more about Soroptimists, visit www.soroptimist-gbi.co.uk/barry-and-district.

GLADSTONE Primary children sat down to a special tea party last Wednesday organised by the families link support Deryn Gully, to raise money for Macmillan, the cancer support charity.

Children donated £1 and received a glass of squash and a cake, kindly made by Liz, the Gladstone head cook and the ladies from Families First Gladstone. All drinks and ingredients for the cakes were donated by Bookers, Costco, Morrisons, Poundstretcher and Head to Head hairdressers in

Dinas Powys, which meant that all proceeds went to Macmillan.

In addition, Network Rail offered to match fund the total amount raised and donate this to their chosen charity, Clic Sargent who support children with cancer.

"Thank you so much to all of the companies who kindly supplied us with the raw ingredients, to all of our helpers who worked hard to bake tasty cakes and to our Gladstone parents and children for donating money. Together with the generosity of our friends at Network Rail, both Macmillan and Clic Sargent will now receive cheques for £332."

HA



... And young ones give an added boost!



CYLCH Ffrindiau Gwaun y Nant recently hosted a Macmillan coffee morning raising a commendable £340.

Parents and children enjoyed tea and cakes served to them by the schools group. Families First facilitator Natalie Page who is an LSA at the school, said she was extremely proud of how well supported the morning was.

Macmillan is a fantastic charity for us to support and the school community came out in force to raise as much money as possible.

Thank you to everyone for their support and also the local businesses that kindly donated to the raffle: Little Blue Deli, Coconuts, Jungle Jacks, Bagnall's Barbers, New Sleek You, Miss Holmes, Liz Shackell and The Secret Garden of Beauty. Diolch o Galon.

NP

Navy said NO, Army said YES!

THE first meeting of the winter of the Barry Men's Forum started incongruously - treasurer John Davies was in hospital, so the register of members was unavailable and Paul Gilbertson, a previous treasurer, had to step in to undertake the duties.

More disastrously, the speaker Capt David Jones had problems travelling up from Swansea, and failed to arrive!

However, Forum member Alan Morgan stepped into the breach, and gave a very interesting account of his life.

Having been brought up by his grandparents in Mountain Ash, his life did not start off very spectacularly, failing both the 11+ and not getting any O-levels.

His wish was to join the Royal Navy, but during the medical was found to be colour blind, and rejected. Going next door to the Army recruiting office he was immediately accepted in the Pay Corp!

His first posting was to Kenya, and unusually he had to accompany a

soldier who had absconded, and was handcuffed to him. Alan detailed numerous interesting episodes of his army life in Kenya, Kuwait, Aden, and Hereford, which continued until he married Marilyn, when he bought himself out of the Army.

He detailed his rise at the Western Mail where he became chief pay clerk, and graduated at Aston University as an accountant; set up and ran businesses, before he joined the WDA at a very early period of its development as a business adviser.

He rose up through the ranks eventually becoming the chief executive with a staff of over 1,000 and a massive budget.

The Barry Men's Forum meet every Thursday morning at 10.15am until noon. The meetings are held at the new Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall in Aberystwyth Crescent.

On Thursday, October 9 Dr Alastair Cooper will talk about 'Bounty Mutineers'.

New members are very welcome and for further information contact the chairman Peter Westcott on Tel 02920 594881.

PMW

The Vale of Glamorgan Council (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) ORDER 2014

1. On the 29th September 2014 The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described below:

2. The Order will come into operation on 13th October 2014 or on the dates that the signs and road markings are in place and be known as the "Vale of Glamorgan Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement) (Amendment) (No 4) Order 2014"

3. A copy of the Order and plans showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

4. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the October 2014 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert new map - No Waiting 9am to 6pm 1st April to 30th September St Brides Way, Barry.

On the southern side of St Brides Way from a point 30metres from its junction with Ewenny Close in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 310 metres.

Dated this 9th day of October 2014.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014 GORCHYMYN (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIO) (RHIF 4) (GWAHARDD AROS, LLWYTHO A PHARCIO A CHYFYNGU AR AROS LLWYTHO A PHARCIO)

1. Ar 29 Medi 2014, yr oedd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adranau 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53, a 124 a Rhan IV o Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoli Traffig Ffydd 1984, a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004, a phob pŵer galluogi arall, wedi gwneud Gorchymyn i'r diben cyffredinol a ddisgrifir isod:

2. Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 13 Hydref 2014 neu ar y dyddiadau y bydd yr holl arwyddion a marciau ffordd yn eu lle. Fe'i hadwaenir fel 'Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) (Diwygiedig) (Rhif 4) (Gwahardd Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2014'.

3. Cewch weld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynlluniau sy'n dangos y manau dan sylw, yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

4. Os hoffech ddadlau'n erbyn dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu'i ddarpar aethau am na chredwch fod gan y ddeddf uchod bŵer i'w gweithredu, neu am y tybiwch eu bod yn methu â chydymffurfio â gofynion y ddeddf uchod neu un o'i hofferiannau, bydd gennych chwe wythnos o Hydref 2014 i wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys i'r diben hwnnw.

Bydd y gorchymyn Rheoli Traffig canlynol yn cael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn (Gorfodi Sifil) Gwahardd Aros, Llwyddo a Pharcio a Chyfyngu ar Aros, Llwytho a Pharcio 2013.

ATODLEN 1

Cynhywyser map newydd - Gwahardd Aros rhwng 9am a 6pm 1 Ebrill - 30 Medi St Brides Way, Y Barri.

Ar ochr ddeheuol St Brides Way o fan sy'n 30 metr o'r gyffordd ag Ewenny Close am 310 metr i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain.

Dyddiedig 9 Hydref 2014

M. E. Punter
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwenvô. CF5 6AA.





Tae Kwon Do competitors do battle at Pontypool

THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do took a small contingent of new and experienced competitors to Pontypool Leisure Centre to compete in the International Combat Organisation Welsh Point Revolution, hosted by Robert Taylor.

The event consisted of team and tag team sparring, individual sparring in two categories of weight and height, novice, and advanced point sparring.

In the three-person team event were Maddison Allen, Thea Cunningham and Charlie Rogers, who fought their way through to the final, only to be beaten by a more experienced team.

Unfortunately, they met the same team in the tag team final, coming away with another second place.

Also competing for the first time in the boys' advanced tag

team event were Cody Jacobsen and Cian Allen – the boys took second place.

Maddison went on to take first place in the -20kg, also taking second and fighting up into the -25kg and a second in the -120cm. Thea Cunningham took a third in the -25kg advanced category.

One for the future, Charlie Rogers, came second in the advanced team and third in the -30kg novice.

Gaining more experience, Cameron Evans took third in the novice -140cm and third in the -45kg categories.

Lucia Cunningham took second place in the -40kg advanced, while Jessica Blackley took first in the -40kg and a third in the advanced -140cm.

Unfortunately, the ever-improving Jake Quigley came up against the current British champion in the first round, only losing out by three points.

Lucy Newman also had some difficult fights, just missing out on

a podium place this time.

Competing in the men's -65kg and the +160cm categories was Matthew Bennett. Matthew had to up his game to come away with a credible second in both categories.

Bradley Halford had an off day, but still took second in the -70kg and third in the +160cm boys categories.

Coach Ron Thomas said all is looking good for the team flying to Vilsbiburg Germany to compete at the International German Championships this weekend.

Pictured (above) are Lucy Newman, Bradley Halford, Lucia Cunningham, Matthew Bennett; Jessica Blackley, Jake Quigley, Cian Allen, Cody Jacobsen, Cameron Evans; Charlie Rogers, Maddison Allen and Thea Cunningham.

For further information phone (01446) 406372 or see www.cadoxtontaekwondo.weebly.com.

RT

Penarth Hockey Club retains share of top spot

PENARTH Hockey Club 1st XI remained a frontrunner in the new Davis Wood Hockey League campaign as a second win of 2014-15 kept it in a three-way tie for the lead of the De Cymru & The Marches division.

After a good result against Cardiff Medics in their opening league fixture, it was important for the Bears to pick up where they left off in another local derby against the combined Cardiff & Met 'C' side at the National Hockey Centre.

Penarth knew that they were going face a far sterner test than that provided by the aspiring doctors, and it was vital that they switched on right from the start.

The early encounters were very cagey, with neither side wanting to show their hand too early, and the game remained scoreless until midway through the first half.

Just as the deadlock appeared set to continue to the interval, however, Penarth found a way to unlock the home defence, with some superb build-up play freeing the evergreen Phil Lane to apply the finishing touch.

Buoyed by taking the lead, Penarth were able to control proceedings through to halftime, albeit without adding to their tally before the change of ends.

Keen to build on their solid first half performance, the Vale side once again started strongly, but perhaps over-eagerly looking to double their lead, their pressure allowed Cardiff to counter-attack and goalkeeper Mark Harris was powerless to prevent the hosts from equalising.

Undeterred, Penarth settled back into their game and quickly

won a penalty corner after a further spell of pressure. As has become the norm, the corner was converted into a goal via another trademark drag flick from centre forward Chris Baker.

With the game drawing to a close, Penarth cemented the victory as Baker picked the ball up in midfield and proceeded to run through the entire Cardiff defence before unleashing a shot which the home keeper could only parry, and Matt Birch was on hand to knock the ball in the empty net to extend the lead.

Although Cardiff managed to claim a consolation goal in the closing minutes to complete a 2-3 scoreline, it was Penarth who left Sophia Gardens with the points and third place in division, on goal difference, after three weeks of the season.

LLANISHEN & CAERPHILLY 'B' 0 PENARTH 'A' 0

Having suffered a 0-6 drubbing at the hands of Llanishen & Caerphilly 'A' on the opening weekend of the 2014-15 campaign, Penarth's 2nd XI travelled to Hawthorn looking for a measure of revenge against their opponent's 'B' team.

Unfortunately, the Bears made the trip without several key veterans, and made hard work of a match that should have yielded a handy three points.

The visitors began strongly and dominated possession for vast swathes of the game but, without the cutting edge usually provided up front by Dave Watkins managed just two shots on goal, both of which were ably dealt with the home goalkeeper.

At the other end, Penarth 'keeper Jason Harris was rarely troubled as the defensive unit held

firm for much of the 70 minutes, although Craig Llewellyn was required to clear off the line midway through the first half in order to keep Penarth on level terms.

Youngsters Rory Vizard and Sam Salisbury again endeavoured to create chances for the visitors, but were frustrated by an equally committed Llan & Caer defence, which bottled out the middle of the park and forced Penarth to use the flanks. Pushing James Davies forward in the second half also provided the Vale side with an extra option, but resulted in a single attempt on goal from Graeme Jones.

Sharing the points ensured that Penarth remain exactly in the middle of the De Cymru 2 standings, but the team knows that it will need to produce better performances against stronger opposition as the season wears on.

League games continue with two home fixtures this weekend (Saturday, October 11). Both sides will be in action at Barry (Colcot) Sports Centre, with the 1st XI entertaining Cardiff University at noon and the seconds beginning a long series of encounters with old rivals Whitchurch later in the afternoon.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and senior between 7-8pm.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens via d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk.

CL

Lee's dojo sees success!

LEE Costa's Penarth Cogan Dojo recently held an annual grading with great success, as pupils earned a 100 per cent pass rate, with five students celebrating yellow and green belt awards!

One student is also celebrating achieving his black belt! Luis Miller, a musician, actor and stuntman, has been training with Shihan Costa for a while, and achieving his black belt will help him greatly in his stunt work and acting career.

Luis has worked on the Da Vinci's Demons series, and has also starred alongside *Twilight's* Alex Meraz in the Channel 4 series *New Worlds*.

Luis said that he is very proud to have achieved his black belt. For more details on Lee's club, check out the website - www.karate-jutsu.org - or go along to the club any evening.



Ellie Thomas, Connery Hutchinson, Keana Hutchinson, Krisiny Hutchinson, Amelia Ford.



Luis and Lee.

LC

Oak Field cheer on Blues

OAK Field Primary School rugby team were recently thrilled to visit the Cardiff Arms Park, to have a pitchside view of Cardiff Blues playing Ulster.

The children were able to have their photograph taken with the club mascot on the pitch before the match began.

Although the Blues were denied a win, the Oak Field Primary rugby team had a fantastic time cheering their side on.

ND

Cowbridge's Lucy faces up to life as a working mum!

by PHILIP IRWIN

COWBRIDGE-based TV presenter Lucy Owen has put her own life as a working mum under the microscope for a programme to be shown next week.

She is best known as the face of BBC Wales Today and X-Ray, but she is also a mum, and her son, Gabriel, goes to a local primary school.

Like hundreds of thousands of women across Wales, she balances the demands of work and parenthood – and sometimes feels like she is falling short at both.

The programme, *Lucy Owen: Working Mum*, concludes with Lucy being told the latest research and information on whether a child's development can suffer when mum is at work.

That tense finish to the 30-minute programme turned out to be an "emotional roller-coaster".

However, Lucy told The GEM that on the way she had met some



Lucy Owen and son Gabriel.

"exceptional people".

She said: "I talked to a single mum, Bethan Lewis from Glyncoed, who is not only bringing up three children but is also juggling three different jobs."

"I also met some mums who found work too inflexible, so they

left and started their own businesses."

Another interviewee is Uzio Iwobi from Swansea, whose children are at university, and Lucy asks whether she has any regrets about the work decisions she made while her children were growing up.

There is also a conversation with 'Mum of The Year' Sam Weaver from Llysfaen, who explains how she gained her prestigious title.

At the end of her journey, Lucy meets Dr Justine Howard from Swansea University to find out if being at work is really harming her son's development – something she was very nervous about.

She said: "This was an emotional roller-coaster. My producer knew what was coming, but I was kept in the dark."

What was the academic verdict? Well, the programme will explain all.

Lucy added: "I do feel lucky to be living in a community like Cowbridge, where there is such a strong group of supportive mums who look out for each other."

"That makes a huge difference."

Lucy Owen: Working Mum, is on BBC One Wales, at 8.30pm on October 13.

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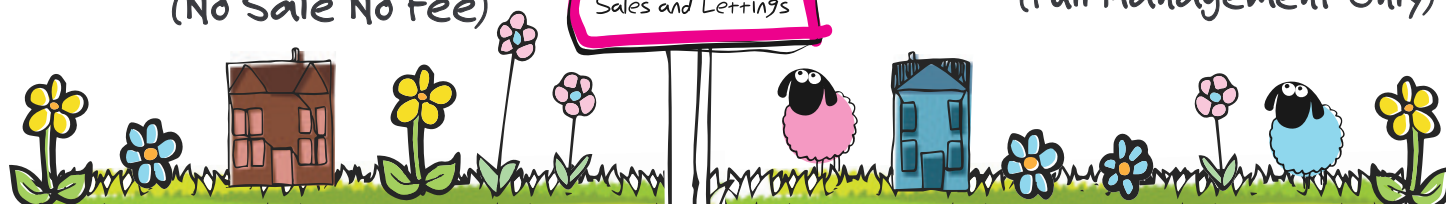


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PARKS Julie Ann

Andy, Chris, Gerda and Dave would like to thank all our family and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and support following Julie's passing. We would also like to thank all who attended Julie's funeral and for the generous donations to Velindre made in her honour.

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SHERARD Mary Elizabeth

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WILTON Robert John

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Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 1, Section 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 that The Ocean Watersports Trust has applied to Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, for a marine licence to construct a slipway for the use of Barry Community Water Activity Centre at The Mole, Barry Dock, Barry.

The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at **Dock Office, Barry Docks**.
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Vintage tractors are on the road again for local charity

ONCE again, tractor enthusiasts from around the Vale were on the road again last Sunday, starting and finishing in Ogmore Castle field.

All the runs are held to raise money for various local charities, and this time the tractors made their way through Wick, Colwinston, Pentre Meurig and Corntown as the convoy toured the area.

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The Barry darts league round-up

The new season for the Barry Darts league started on September 19.

With both leagues now merged into one and a new match format, this promises to be an interesting season.

With only three matches taking place, the Billy Ghosts got their season going with a massive 19-2 victory against the Runways.

Steve Spear hit the only 180 of the night and Mark Driscoll hit a 16 dart leg.

The Dockers had the next big win with a 17-4 win against the Loungers. The final match of the week saw the Plastics lose 10-11 to the Mariners 66.

This game highlighted the change to the format as in previous seasons it would have been a 5-4 win for the Plastics; however, now that every leg counts, the Mariners came out as worthy winners.

In the second round of matches, the BFC

Allsorts started their season with a very impressive win against the current league champions, the Poachers. The match finished 12-9 in the Allsorts favour.

The Billy Ghosts followed up on their big opening win with another impressive performance against fellow Billy side, the Wanderers. Phil Mathews hit a 180 in the 15-6 victory.

The Dockers came out as narrow 10-11 victors away to the Mariners 66 and the Runways opened their campaign with a close 11-10 win over the Raiders.

The Cwm Talwg came out on top against the Plastics 13-8, while the Loungers lost 8-13 at home to the Tynewydd Inn. In the final game of the week, the Park Weasels beat the Hell Raisers 16-5.

All teams are reminded that the annual presentation night is taking place on October 17 at the Cadoxton Cons. Could any outstanding

trophies please be taken to Baddeley's in High Street to allow the trophies to be engraved in time for the presentation.

Raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated on the night. Teams are encouraged to attend the evening and show their support for the league.

RL

Depleted Barry seconds are defeated

BARRY Second XV were hoping to recapture their early season form against formidable opponents Glamorgan Wanderers on a fine autumnal afternoon.

Once again injuries and unavailability of key players forced coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow to delve deep into the resources.

There was a recall for veteran fly-half Chris Cummings, who partnered Maltese international John Dimond at half back. Tom Adams was drafted into the wing from the youth squad with Lee Jones returning as captain.

Barry appeared strong early on as they dominated the line-out and looked to gain an advantage in the tight.

There were good forward drives from the veterans Jason Evans and Nick Rolfe, with the midfield looking dangerous with ball in hand.

However, as with the last few games, the lack of a decisive game plan and defensive cohesion let the side down, as following some poor tackling, the visitors sauntered through to score.

Barry's reply was to use their forwards once more to draw a penalty opportunity which Cummings gladly accepted in front of the posts to narrow the deficit.

Not learning from their mistakes, Barry kicked the ball away aimlessly again despite their forward dominance, and the talented Wanderers pack made the home side pay with another unconverted score.

Cummings narrowed the deficit once more with a well-struck penalty, but despite some good individual defensive performances, most notably

from wing Rhys Knapman and full back Evans, the collective defensive unit was frail.

A quality side such as the Wanderers were to take full advantage with some well-executed moves.

The visitors scored decisive tries either side of the interval following more poor game management by the home side to take themselves out of reach – also securing the bonus point.

Scott was left hapless on the sidelines, and his cause was not helped by injuries to key players, forcing him to put flanker Nathan Harris to inside centre, where the player performed admirably.

Tries came and went before the home side finally realised that they must play to their strengths. Using their forward power finally, they turned pressure into a close-range try from substitute Liam Ring. McCann failed to add the extras.

With the full time whistle approaching, Barry kicked a penalty deep into enemy territory once more. The result was a well-worked driving maul leading to Jason Evans touching down for his second try of the season, the final score 54-16.

The management will hope that the late scores will bring some momentum into this weekend where the side will travel to Llandaff, while the Third XV visit Fairwater.

Team: A Evans; Knapman, McCann, Hewitson, Adams, Cummings, Dimond, Thomas, Turnbull, Heard; Flynn, Dutton; Rolfe, Jones ©, J Evans. Replacements: Ring, Westall, Harris, D Evans. Man of the match: Knapman.

KC



Presentation evening for Romilly bowlers

IN previous years winners of the ladies and men's club competitions have received their awards on the final day without many members being there.

As a result, a decision was made early in the season to hold a separate presentation night where all club members would have the opportunity to attend and competition winners would receive their trophies on a special night in front of their peers.

The presentation night is this Saturday at the BP Club, Market Street from 7.30pm, and after a successful outdoor season Romilly Bowling Club can also celebrate retaining their status in the newly-revamped

CML Division One, winning the Midweek League Munro Cup and lifting the Hugh Meddins Trophy, along with successes in the County Finals.

The ladies also had some success, winning their division of the evening league, eventually securing the bronze position overall.

This year, Romilly's charity was in aid of Macmillan Nurses and during the season, a horse racing night was held at the Romilly Park Pavilion with a raffle held on the club's open triples day.

The tremendous generosity from all members and those in attendance on the day helped raise a fantastic £1,000 which will be presented on the night.

FP

DARTS TEAM PLAY AWAY!

THE away leg of the inter league game between the Barry Darts league and the Caldicot and Magor darts league took place on September 26.

A total of 23 people made the trip to Caldicot, with 14 players among them.

The evening started well with Terry Overton and Matt Stanger winning the opening games to give Barry a 2-0 lead. Caldicot then hit back by winning the next six games to lead 6-2 at the break.

In the second half of the match Barry made a comeback, with wins from Jon Hurn, Nick Price, Terry Williams and

Peter de Souza. This left Barry trailing 7-6 going into the final two games.

Jon Hurn's second win of the night wasn't enough as Caldicot won the match 8-7. This was a much improved performance on the 12-5 loss in the match played in Barry.

The event was highly enjoyable and everyone involved is looking forward to the next match in Barry next year.

Thanks to all the players and supporters who made the trip and contributed to the event. Thank you to Dave Cutts and the Caldicot and Magor darts league for hosting the night. I would also personally like to thank Bob Usher for arranging the coach.

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RESULTS for week commencing September 22:

First Division:
Allsorts (Jenny Jones 31) 286, Castaways (R Byrne 31) 288; Coppers (D Burrows 38) 352, Barry Stars (M Richards 38) 331; Special Angels (C Wills, L Peace 23) 212, SV Gals (E Provis 26) 263; Colcot LDS (E Lofthouse 31) 285, Pila Palas (A Williams 27) 230; Red Admiral (G Williams 27) 238; Family Affair (L Thomas 27) 242; Cigar LDS (N

Lawrence 32) 309, Bakers Dozen (J Mullins 31) 319.
Second Division:
Strikers (H Hicks 27) 219, After Eights (M Conibear, C Hayes 23) 216; Roller Coasters (T Saunders, J Marriott, J Fairweather 22) 199, Divas (L Hall 30) 234; Chickies (E Walters 40) 338, Witchill Widows (R Slade 34) 316; Vixens (K Thomas, M Marks 31) 257, SV Lights (N Alsop, D Masterman 30) 302; Bobby's Girls (S Seldon

27) 247, Witchill Weebies (C Curran 27) 234; Castle Bandits (B Evans 27) 243, Rhooose Starlights (K Bryan, N Pullin, P Tucknull 24) 202; Cad Con Fillies (S Chilcott 24) 229, Breakaways (V Martin 27) 217.
Third Division:
Rhooose Ravers (J Lott 28), 254, Hill Billies (C Whyman 25) 238; Jolly Dollies (C Thomas 25) 240, Westenders (M Condon 27) 199; Witchill Wanderers (C Morrissey 34) 311,

Airways Angels (L Thomas 32) 300; Rugby Triers (N Cawley 25) 224, Dolly Mixtures (E Brian 27) 227; SV LDS (F Butler 29) 279, Persuaders (F Organ 30) 259; Lils Devils (J Jones 28) 238, Friends & Neighbours (E Western 26) 219, Etcetera (K Baker 24) 250, Merry Makers (C Hather 28) 279.
Fourth Division: Odd Bods (C Koops, K Dutton 23) 198, Off The Rails (I Rosser, S Crump 25) 225; Railway Rogues (S Sjodin 26) 237, Rebels (S Williams 26) 214; Challengers (P Birmingham, L Morgan 28) 243, Fallen Angels (B Richards 27) 236; LaBelles (E Cordy, N Cordy 32) 312, Boozey Birds (S Rudeforth 33) 320.

Fifth Division: Nite Outers (T Harry 26) 194, Socialites (K Glover 26) 222; Park Belles (D John 30) 235, Billy Bunters (G Loveless 28) 229; Aristocats (M Rogers 33) 216, Guardian Angels (S Aston 31) 247.
Results for week commencing September 15th
Division: Barry Stars (N Jones 33) 327, Allsorts (H Bunting, R Dawe 33) 319; SV Gals (J Richards 32) 285, Coppers (D Nesbitt, J Hartnell 31) 289; Pila Palas (E Dyke 34) 310, Red Admiral (M Gee 33) 327; Family Affair (C Edwards 29) 263, Space Finders (D Carter 29) 267; Bakers Dozen (M Rockett, S Howe, R Hewitson, J Mullins 25)

240, Angels (B Niblett 27) 231.
2nd Division: Divas (C Jenkins 27) 228, Strikers (T Mills, M Pratt 23) 224; Witchill Widows (S Murray 35) 314, Roller Coasters (R Stillman 35) 308; After Eights (C Hayes 33) 295, Vixens (D Marks, H Jones, M Marks 31) 298; SV Lights (B Kenefick 26) 263, Bobby's Girls (S Seldon 30) 274; Weebies (S Edwards 37) 340, Castle Bandits (P Thomas 32) 301; Breakaways (Vicky Martin 33) 300, Clickies (A Batt 36) 321.
3rd Division: Westenders (G Somers 28) 244, Rhooose Ravers (J Bishop 28) 247; Airways Angels (E Lewis, E Jones 24) 250, Jolly Dollies (C Jones, C Thomas 26) 206; Hill

Billies (D Stewart 32) 322, Rugby Triers (J Xvereb 34) 285; Dolly Mixtures (E Bryan 28) 157, SU Lds (K Lacny 22) 192; Persuaders (K Kemp 25) 278, Lil's Devils (S Harry 24) 240; Friends & Neighbours (F Brown 29) 232, Etcetera (C Mackintosh 28) 219; Merry Makers (G Hawker 23) 218, Witchill Wanderers (H Scott 26) 205.
4th Division: Rebels (S

Williams 26) 157, Twilights (C Brown 29) 200; Fallen Angels (C Stephen 33) 271, Wyndham Witcans (V Walters 30) 298.
5th Division: Hell Raisers (A Bennett 23) 181, Barry Ravers (N Grant, L Smit 24) 235; Liberals (C Chatwell 29) 226, Smurfs (KT Williams 24) 240; Socialites (A Hicks 28) 242, Park Belles (S Davies 26) 205.

MC

Dinas Powys ladies golf

ON Sunday August 17, Dinas Powis Golf Club held its annual charity day for the 25th year and the winning team were the ladies team of Lisa Ryley, Louise Wilding, Maxine Hird and Lorna Murray with 129 points.

This is the first time a ladies team has won on charity day and with the highest total of stableford points ever scored for this event.

On Monday, August 4, the R H Seel Bowl Day 1 Medal - 1st Louise Wilding 78-11=67 nett, 2nd Annie Blackburn 95-24=71 nett. On Tuesday, August 5, the R H Seel Bowl Day 2 Medal - 1st Lisa Ryley 87-18=69 nett, 2nd Louise Wilding 83-11=72 nett.

Aggregate of the two rounds - 1st Louise Wilding 67+72=139 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 72+69=141 nett, 3rd Annie Blackburn 71+73=144 nett.

On August 5, nine hole Stableford - 1st Pam Warne 21 points, 2nd Sheila Stoner. On Tuesday, September 2, Glamorgan County Salver Stableford - 1st Lisa Ryley 37points, 2nd Lorna Murray 33, 3rd Angela Thomas 31.

Nine hole Stableford - 1st Pam Warne, 2nd June Jones.

On Tuesday, September 9, 18 hole Daily Mail Foursomes - 1st Ruth Yates and Annie Blackburn 39points, 2nd Louise Wilding and Lisa Ryley 36, on back six from 3rd Sue Bridle and Audrey Harwood 36. Nine hole Stableford - 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Terry Unwin.

On Tuesday, September 16, 18 hole Stableford - 1st Annie Blackburn 39points, 2nd Pat Gosling 35 on back six from 3rd Angela Brown 35. Nine hole Stableford - 1st June Jones, 2nd Terry Unwin.

On Tuesday, September 23, Mary Nicholls Trophy Foursomes Medal - 1st Ruth Yates and Annie Blackburn 88-23=65 nett, 2nd Lorna Murray and Chris Nelms 96-27.5=68.5 nett, 3rd Angela Brown and Sian Smith 95-20.5=74.5 nett. Nine hole Stableford 1st Pam Warne, 2nd Angela Thomas.

On Tuesday, September 30, 18 Hole Medal - 1st Ann Mahenthalingam 83-13=70 nett, 2nd Lisa Ryley 88-17=71 nett on back nine from 3rd Louise Wilding 82-11=71 nett. 9 Hole Stableford - 1st Angela Thomas, 2nd Jane Hooper.

RY

MEN'S SKITTLE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1:

49'ers (R.Nicholls, G.Yarr 29) 293, Ex-Servicemen (R.Lapton 30) 291; Blue Monkey (N.McCarthy 29) 269, Cavaliers (R.Lewis 26) 234; Barry Park 'B' (P.McCarthy, R.Bishop 28) 299, The Hairy Lemons (D.Gill 23) 232; Colcot Boys (B.Sullivan 29) 221, Mighty Dockers (M.Conway, G.Gurd 27) 266; Mighty Dockers (A.Gurd 30) 275, The Merryman (J.Gee 30) 293; Park Lads (G.Jones, D.Lambert 28) 268, Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin, K.Thomas 24) 257; Park Rangers (S.Dite 28) 275, Bunker boys (D.Hewitson, S.Western 28) 271; West End Stars (A.Baker, D.Beattie, C.Allred 28) 292, Geest (L.Galsworthy 30) 263.

Division 2: Barry Social (S.Grant 29) 218, Tynewydd Lads (J.Stacey, D.Sluman 27) 255; Exiles (K.Tudor

30) 270, Tynny Fliers (P.Snook 28) 274; Posties (S.Marsh 27) 274, Abercete (D.Arnold 26) 247; Sea View (K.Pycroft 34) 305, Witchill Wizards (L.Jones, C.Casado, D.Britian 28) 280; The Royalists (M.Lewis, A.Evens 30) 286, Buffs Exiles (R.Miller 32) 310; Tynewydd Lads (S.Germon 30) 305, Sea View (B.Watkins 30) 268; Witchill Poachers (R.Power 37) 359, BP Breakaways (J.Rees 33) 332; Willie Wombles (I.Draisey 32) 267, Road Runners (S.Hill 29) 265.

Division 3: C.U.D (P.Palmer 29) 249, Billy Bluebirds (D.Davey 29) 284; Cannon Balls (T.Price 35) 318, Commachies '2' (W.Palmer 32) 293; 'H'Bells (K.Lewis, M.Howcroft 28) 261, KP Monkey Nuts (J.Clarke 29) 283.

LR

St Cyres open with a victory

THE St Cyres under-15 girls' football team faced Cowbridge in their first Cardiff Cup match.

St Cyres dominated the first half play with Cowbridge rarely getting past the halfway line. Kayleigh Parsons, Avni Hirani and Elleise Meyrick-Ash created a few attacking opportunities but nothing to really worry the Cowbridge goalkeeper.

The breakthrough came towards the end of the first half when captain Amelia Davidson drove the ball from the edge of the box into corner of the goal.

In the second half, St Cyres continued to press forward for the second goal. Cowbridge began to take advantage of the

space left behind and made more attacking runs into the St Cyres half.

Morgan Dursley in goal and the defence of Bethan Salter, Kacey Watkins, Hannah Lewis and Nia Jenkins-Welch dealt well with these attacks; however a momentary lapse of concentration gifted Cowbridge an equaliser.

Amelia Davidson, Megan Kupa and Catrin Lewis then stepped up another gear to really push for a winner.

Hannah Watkins, who had come off the substitutes' bench, began to find lots of space on the right. The ball came through to her in front of goal and she slotted it home. St Cyres managed to maintain this 2-1 lead for the rest of the game.

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Barry Sea Cadets triumph in National Regatta



Cadet Richardson with the Dawson Cup and the captain of Sea Cadets.

BARRY Sea Cadets are celebrating victory in the National Sailing Regatta on Southport Marine Lake recently.

Cadet Jake Richardson from Barry took first place in the Topper Class at the end of the series of four races and was presented with the Dawson Cup by the captain of Sea Cadets, Captain Jonathan Holloway RN.

Cadet Jake Richardson said: "It was really exciting to travel to Southport and compete against all those other boats. Winning was

good - it's been almost 45 years since a Welsh sailor won the trophy."

Jake's father, a civilian instructor with Barry Sea Cadets, said: "I'm ever so proud. It shows what you can achieve with hard work and illustrates what Sea Cadets can bring out in a young person."

Barry Sea Cadets parade on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and are currently looking for volunteers who can help with delivering activities for young people. They can be contacted by e-mail at barryseacadets@gmail.com.

Cup presentation at Sea View



THE Sea View Labour Club held its summer cup presentation in early September to present the winners of the Bow Bowl, donated by Heineken, and also the winners of the Rimm Motors Plate, donated by Rimm Motors Engineering, with their prizes.

The winners of the Bow Bowl, along with £700 prize money, were The Monkey Nuts, runners up were

The Sea View Loungers with £300, in third place were The Young Guns with £75 in prize money, with an extra £80 being paid for the highest male and female players.

The Rimm Plate was held for those teams who didn't qualify for the knockout round of the Bow Bowl.

The winners, Barry Stars, received £150 and the runners up were Geest, who received £75. There was also a payout for the highest male and female player in the Rimm Motors Plate competition.

LS



Wolves and Lions in a battle

DINAS Lions have come on so much in recent months under the guidance of Matt Benson.

This game against Dinas Wolves was end to end early on with both teams threatening to score. Callum Hewitson rattled the post a few times. At the other end, Harry Benson looked to play his midfield in with one-touch football.

At halftime the score was 2-1 to the Wolves, who took time to

settle in the heat of the battle. Once they got the ball down, J Doughty and Z Fifield controlled the middle and they freed up Saunders, Hewitson, Harewood, Quest and Pereira.

O'Brien, Frost and Lewis showed they are capable of playing a number of positions. Mossey, Mallam and Williams looked very strong in defence while D Morris pulled off some fine one-on-one saves.

Goals came thick and fast and

Wolves went on all out attack, if a little gung ho at times, but it made for an entertaining game.

Man of the match was Tylor Williams who didn't miss a tackle and has improved tenfold. His strike against the bar would have been goal of the season at any level.

Scorers for Wolves: J Lewis, C Hewitson, B Harewood (2), C Saunders (2), J Doughty. Dinas Lions: L King (3).

LS

LOCAL HORSE TRAINERS SHOW SOME GOOD FORM!

TRAINERS from the Vale have been in good form of late.

Bridgend's John Flint was successful with his Urban Spaceman at the first of the two Chepstow meetings last month, while at the second meeting Aberthaw's Tim Vaughan saddled Kalimantan, ridden by Michael Byrne, to win division one of the handicap hurdle.

Not to be outdone, Llancaiach's Evan Williams took the handicap chase with Island Magee who, under Paul Moloney, scored by one and three quarter lengths from Don't Take Me Alive.

It was good to see Bridgend's Paul Morgan also come away with a winner. He took the closing bumper (National Hunt flat race) with his Potters Corner which beat the strongly-fancied Rainy City, trained by champion trainer Paul Nicholls.

Evan Williams was also in good form at Newton Abbot where he had a 7-1 double with

Going Concern and Court Mistrrel. Both were ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

The former beat the favourite Lysino by half-a-length and the latter also beat the favourite Keltus by just over two lengths.

At Fontwell last Friday, Tim Vaughan took the opening maiden hurdle with The Wallace Line who, ridden by Richard Johnson, came in at odds of 10-1.

ADAM'S HUNTINGDON WINNER

Adam Wedge, riding five-year-old Abbeygrey for Evan Williams, landed the three-mile handicap chase at Huntingdon last Sunday.

Abbeygrey, who was the youngest horse in the race, won by just three parts of a length from the favourite Rogue Dancer but won a lot easier under his clever rider than the verdict suggests.

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LOCAL MP VISITS THE BAY WATCH TEAM AT FONTYGARY



VALE MP Alun Cairns met children of all ages involved in surf lifesaving at a packed training session and open evening held by Rhose Surf Lifesaving Club at Fontygary.

The club has been operating since 1968, and has members from across the Vale, covering all age groups.

The club regularly competes in competitions across the country and internationally, and counts a number of world champions among its members.

Mr Cairns was given a full tour of the impressive facilities, and saw a demonstration of the activities the club undertakes.

The Vale MP also met members at an evening barbecue where he spoke to thank all the adult members for the work they do providing activities for the young members.

Simon Parker, club captain from Rhose Surf Lifesaving Club, said: "On behalf of the club I would like to thank Alun Cairns MP for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us."

"All members from

the club welcomed the opportunity to show Mr. Cairns the skills they cover throughout the year. And with a fine and warm evening we finished the summer season with a very enjoyable barbeque."

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to have been invited to visit Rhose Surf Lifesaving Club. It was such a pleasant surprise to see such a large club so well organised and incredibly popular."

"This is the sort of club I would have loved to have gone to as a child. What particularly impressed me was learning that through the summer months, volunteers are putting on activities seven days a week for children across a wide age range."

"Clubs like Rhose Surf Lifesaving teach the value of teamwork, how to be safe in the water and invaluable first aid training delivered by experts."

"A highlight was meeting life member Dave Wedlake who has been with the club since 1968, and is still very active today."

"I cannot overestimate how impressed I was with such a positive atmosphere at the club."



Ladies bounce back

FOLLOWING on from last week's fine performance against Newport Ladies, where the villagers gained a point, a win on Sunday was a must for Dinas Powys Ladies at Hafod Ladies.

With key players missing, players had to shuffle around positions. The first half was very scrappy with both teams failing to hold on to the ball for any length of time.

Following a few words at halftime, Dinas came out of the blocks on fire and within four minutes were two goals the better.

The first saw Hannah Beddoe beat her fullback and pull back to Jo Jones, whose cross-shot flew in at the back post. The second, minutes later, was a well-worked move resulting in Sam

Saunders rifling home from just inside the box.

The away team then had a spell of 20 minutes when they created chance after chance with their passing game putting them in full control.

Emily Gillard, Brooke Howells and Laura Lewis worked the openings but weak shots let Hafod off the hook.

At the other end, Pattemore, Thompson and Ellison gave the visitors a solid platform winning countless balls as Tracey White looked as solid as ever.

Hafod pulled one back to give Dinas a shaky final 10 minutes but the girls saw the game out.

Lady of the match was Rhianne Booth - she had very little to do but looked very comfortable for her first game between the sticks.

LS

Sombre news at Barry Chess Club

THIS week, a further two games were played, with the Gambits at home and on the same evening the Camelots were away.

There was a sombre mood at the game between the Gambits and Bridgend Central following the sad news of the passing away of Dave Adamson, the longest-serving Barry Chess Club member.

It is not known how many years Dave has been a member of the chess fraternity, as the original Barry Chess Club dissolved in the late 1950s and only reformed in 1971.

Dave was a founder member of the new chess club and had in fact been a member of the original club also. Martin Ricketts, as the Barry Gambits team captain, read out a statement about Dave and his contribution to chess in our town before the match began.

The Gambits knew they were in for a hard game as the player on board four for the away side outranked all of our players. As each game finished there was a win for Bridgend until I surprisingly managed to win on time - I am normally the player in time trouble, not my opponent - and then Steve Bonutto on the bottom board also earned a win.

So although we lost 3-2 this was a good result against a strong team. Although it is early days, we remain in the right half of the division but a

promotion push seems unlikely as we are one of the lower-ranked teams.

In the first division the Camelots made the short journey to Penarth. This year the Penarth club has suffered from a number of players not renewing their membership, which is disappointing as they have only just earned promotion to the top division.

We were superior in ranking terms and this is illustrated by our results. Only Lee Davis failed to give us a clean sweep but his draw meant we won 4.5 to 0.5. This resounding victory moves the Camelots up to third in the table, only a half point behind the Barry Bosons.

The surprise leaders at this time are the Aberdare Wasps, who are a point clear at the top having played one game more than either of our teams.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at - barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Youth's fine month

THE first month of the season ended well for Barry Youth who ground out a well-earned 12-5 win against St Peter's.

Sandwiched between their first league win of the season against local opposition Llantwit Major that ended in a 50-point victory for Barry, were two cup games against Cowbridge and Trebarris which ended in defeat. But the focus of this year's campaign is a strong performance in the Blues League.

Playing downhill in the first half, St Peter's showed their strength and tenacity up front and pushed the Barry forwards all over the park and despite only having the bare XV the visitors looked in control.

With their new strip, made possible by the generous support of LDS Motor Factors, Barry were not going to be

pushed around in their own back yard though and, egged on by their supporters, No.9 Chad Travis gave a tremendous performance to secure a brace of tries in 10 minutes for the home side in response to St Peter's first score.

One conversion from James Jones at outside half was good and Barry went into the break 12-5 ahead.

Lewis Samuels came on to provide some stability up front and a tightly-fought second half was expected, but with no score in the second half Barry came away deserved winners.

The coaching team will undoubtedly be pleased with how few points the side conceded but there is still work to be done in attack to give this side a cutting edge that will take them into the heart of the opposition and across the try line.

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Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for September 30:

First, Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah 60.94 per cent; second, Mick Green and Alan Jones 57.81; third, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas 57.29 per cent.

Reg Dyer and Ken Hannah also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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Barry win in clash of unbeaten sides

"Honestly... it was THIS big!"
Action from the lineout as Barry defeated Llandaff North on Saturday.
PICTURES BY HOWARD POOLE



TRAVELLING to Cardiff last Saturday, expectations were high as two unbeaten sides, Barry RFC and Llandaff North, met.

The crowd were not to be disappointed as both sides gave their all in what turned out to be a sometimes dull but always exciting and entertaining game.

As was to be expected, both teams spent the opening minutes testing each other out, looking for possible weaknesses while at the same time

indicating their wish to play open rugby.

About 20 minutes, Barry began to enjoy cleaner possession and used it effectively to create chances which unfortunately were not turned into points. The North were very quick up in defence, limiting the space for the Barry backs, who were beginning to stretch their opponents when given the chance.

However, the home side were always a threat and following some Barry indecision, a 60-yard run from defence saw the move break down short of the line and, from the ensuing lineout, they drove over the line for the first score of the day, which was added to by a fine touchline conversion.

A well worked team try was finished off by Jake Williams and another conversion confirmed the 49-10 score. Great support from the sidelines yet again gave encouragement and hopefully they enjoyed the style of rugby being played.

Anyone wanting to get involved, either as a player, supporter or anything else, come along to the Sports' ground Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm.

Team: Adam Wheeler, Jody Velda, Jamie Griffiths, Mike Angove, Gareth Foxall, Alex Suchnik, Barry Phillips, Matt Gaffney, John Thomas, Harry Moyle, Jon Blake Ben Such, Rhys Manford, Dai Harris, Tim Dredge, Matt Phillips, Jake Williams, Damien Huggins, Dave Weston, Ian Patterson, Matt Stingle.

GI



A Barry player charges towards the line, in what was a tight encounter between two unbeaten teams.

as both sides were putting huge efforts into both attack and defence, with neither prepared to give an inch.

With 20 minutes remaining, Barry earned a little breathing space as the home side were penalised for illegal driving, giving Scott the chance to kick a penalty from 40 yards. This was successful, giving the visitors a six-point cushion.

Barry were reduced to 14 following a yellow card to add more pressure as they were forced to defend for their lives. The North threw everything, including the kitchen sink, at them as the game entered its final minutes but the Barry defence was immaculate and managed to frustrate the home team to earn a hard-fought, but well-earned, win.

The club would like to send best wishes to two long-serving members and ex-players of the club, Alan Jones and Chris Oxenham, who are unwell at the moment - we wish them well and look forward to seeing them at the club in the near future.

AJ

Dinas do themselves proud against higher league opposition

AFTER a stern team talk before the game from the management team of Lee Saunders and Richie Garland, Dinas gave their all in this game against Penybont and proved they can more than match most teams in the Welsh League.

The game commenced with a session of head tennis for the first minute and it was clear that the visitors were very strong in the air. A fast tempo game then ensued with Dinas battling for every ball in midfield.

They had an early scare when Penybont played the ball out to Jack Dolve and Dinas keeper Jack Perks came charging off his line, but Dolve got his shot away which was just wide.

Dinas settled into their passing game, Atif Bashir feeding Ryan Garland out wide; he put in a good cross but the visitors' defence cleared the danger. Another slip from Perks wasn't punished when he dropped an easy catch but Anthony Rawlings skewed his effort wide from five yards.

Dinas began to gain the ascendancy and good work by Ben Ah-Mun forced a couple of corners, the second of which saw James Marr head just over the bar. The hosts kept the pressure on and a superb jinking run and cross from their young striker King Junior Mwedzo reached Sam Johnson who hit a glancing header just wide.

This was to be Johnson's last action as a minute later he pulled up with a hamstring injury and was replaced by Carlos Indjai with 25 minutes gone. He soon got into the action,

playing a ball through the channel to Ah-Mun but he was crowded out before he could shoot.

The game was nip and tuck at this stage with entertaining end to end play without many scoring opportunities. Dinas midfielder Keiron James then found overlapping Nicky Bruce who got a shot away but it was straight at the Penybont keeper Rhys Wilson, who gathered easily.

The last five minutes of the half were still end to end with the visitors forcing an unproductive corner and in the last minute, Dinas forced a corner taken by Bruce which Wilson fumbled, but somehow the Penybont defence scrambled it away and the half ended goal-less, with Dinas more than matching their Division One opponents.

Dinas started the second half well, forcing an early corner which was half cleared to Bashir. He played it square to Garland who hit his effort off target. They continued to keep possession well, playing some fine one-touch football at times.

However, Penybont were dangerous when they did have possession and a good cross by Robbie Walters was headed over the bar by Rawlings with eight minutes of the half gone, and a free kick reached Walters, who headed on target but the Dinas defence cleared the ball before it reached Perks. The visitors did get the ball in the net, Rawlings the marksman, but he was adjudged offside.

It was end to end again and a cross by Bruce was met by Ah-Mun with a left-foot effort which had Wilson scrambling to save. Some good link up play down the right with Indjai and King involved forced a corner with no end product and Walters had a half chance for the

visitors after a strong run took him wide and his shot missed the target from an acute angle.

Another crazy run by King forced a corner for Dinas, which produced a goalmouth melee but the visitors' defence eventually got it away. Perks had to make a smart save at full stretch from Cullen Kinsella but the half ended goalless to bring extra-time into play.

Dinas had the best chance of the tie early in the first period, Ah-Mun playing Garland in; he hit a sweet shot which beat Wilson but cannoned off the left upright and the chance had gone.

This proved costly for Dinas as Walters finally got the only goal of the tie, slotting home a pass from the right to beat Perks from six yards just before the end of the first period.

To add insult to injury, Indjai was then red carded for Dinas for something said to the referee's assistant, giving Dinas a mountain to climb in the final 15 minutes.

Dinas then rang the changes, Rhodri Foote and Bashir making way for Steve Provis and Joe Briscoe. Although they tried their hardest, Dinas couldn't get the equaliser as the tie ended, but they can hold their heads high in defeat with their best performance of the season.

Squad: 1 Jack Perks, 2 Ben Ah-Mun, 3 Nicky Bruce, 4 Rhodri Foote, 5 James Bloxham (c) 6 James Marr, 7 Ryan Garland, 8 Sam Johnson, 9 King Junior Mwedzo, 10 Atif Bashir, 11 Keiron James, 12 Carlos Indjai, 14 Joe Briscoe, 15 Steve Provis, 16 Mike Lazarou, 17 James Curtin.

It's back to league action on Saturday 11th October when Dinas travel to play Chepstow Town with a 2.30pm kick off. **PK**

BONUS POINT WIN FOR SULLY SPORTS

SULLY Sports travelled to CIACS on the weekend.

With the ground firm and the weather fair, rugby was the winner all the way. Sully Sports rallied together and though there was some enterprising and exciting rugby played by both sides, Sully Sports romped home 49-10.

Sports showed intent with coach Gareth Ivory, urging the team to play running rugby. Sports attacked the CIACS defence and showed good pace only to be stripped of the ball and CIACS to be first on the scoreboard.

This only spurred Sports on and some fast flowing rugby followed, with the backs and forwards interlinking well.

Man of the match Matt Phillips went over for the first try, followed by a storming solo run by Jamie Griffiths and Ben Such following up on loose play.

Commanding runs from captain Jon Blake ensured Sports stayed on the front foot, backed by his back row partners Harry Moyles and John Thomas, who showed his skills with a dainty kick over the top.

Alex Suchnik replaced Mike Angove and the scrums continued to dominate the day. Dai Harris commanded the backs and some darting little runs ensured CIACS had to work hard in defence. Jake Williams continued to impress with his conversions and penalties, making the score 29-5 at halftime.

Sports started the second half as they

finished, but CIACS weren't there to make up the numbers and rallied well, ensuring Sports had to work hard in defence to keep them at bay.

On several occasions last ditch defence saved the day, the back three of Damien Huggins, Dave Weston and Tom Dredge ensuring the ball was always returned with interest.

Adam Wheeler for Jamie Griffiths and Barry Phillips for Jon Blake ensured Sports kept on the front foot. Tries from Jake Williams and Rhys Manford continued to put on the points and ensure the bonus point was earned.

Another penalty from Jake Williams, and the pack staying on top, gave a great platform for the backs to attack. Unfortunately Sports didn't have it all their own way and CIACS pressured the line for 10 minutes and came away with a try.

BARRY Saints kept up their winning ways to keep their 100 per cent record this season intact with a hard earned 4-3 victory.

Saints had their backs to the wall, not giving the opposition enough credit going out with an attacking formation. Vulcan took the lead after latching onto a through ball and rounding the keeper to tap home into an empty net.

Saints hit back through the dangerous Darren Townsend who hit a stunning volley which took a slight deflection on its way towards goal to easily beat the Vulcan keeper.

Vulcan retook the lead after some sloppy defending; a low shot was fumbled in to the six yard box which left the Vulcan striker a free shot at goal to smash home.

As usual Saints pegged them back immediately, something which they have

been doing all season after conceding. David Evans slid a perfectly weighted through pass for Townsend to latch onto, he rounded the keeper with ease and slotted the ball home.

At halftime, manager Gareth Long could see the attacking 3-5-2 formation was not giving the opposition the respect they deserved. This was switched to a 4-5-1 with Ollie Cooke coming on to strengthen the back line and Joss Davies coming on to offer creativity in the middle.

After the restart both teams were making chances but Saints struck the first blow. The Vulcan keeper hit a poor goal kick towards Townsend near the halfway line; he used his chest to control the ball and as he began to accelerate away from his markers he only had the keeper to beat from a tight angle.

He struck a venomous half volley towards goal which the keeper got a hand to

but couldn't keep out. The Vulcan didn't let this affect them and kept coming forward and were soon rewarded with an equaliser when a through ball was converted low into the bottom corner.

With 10 minutes left the game could have gone either way but it was Saints that finished stronger and grabbed what was to be the winning goal.

Josh Cummings picked up the ball on the right touchline; he whipped a dangerous ball into the box and found Townsend, who cushioned the ball with his chest into the path of David A Evans, who made no mistake with a stunning half volley low into the bottom corner, sending the Saints sideline into euphoria.

Saints hung on for the win without playing anywhere near their best against the toughest team they have met so far this season.

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Saints' win over Vulcan is logical

MMG draw

MMG were well aware that despite being bottom of the league, FC Barry would provide a tough test.

The game began very slowly with both sides cancelling each other out. MMG found it difficult to play their normal free-flowing football against an organised FC Barry.

The rest of the first half was played out in similar fashion. The only real clear cut chance came when fantastic interplay between MMG's midfield led to a shot from Elliot Cayton, which went narrowly wide.

The second half was played out much the same as the first half with no real clear cut chances and both defences on top. A 0-0 draw was a fair result after a good performance from a battling FC Barry.

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